

*Women & More*

***Feed on Sacred Fuel***

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We can feed on sacred fuel—that's God's Word—or feast on fateless fancy which represents anything else. Prayer saturated with the sacred fuel of Scripture...can be prayed back to God!

The more we have prayed, the more God has heard!

**"You can do more than pray after you have prayed;  
but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed."**

—A. J. Gordon

One should never initiate anything that he cannot saturate with prayer.

"If you want that splendid power in prayer,  
you must remain in loving, living, lasting, conscious, practical,  
abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

**Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

**Isaiah 55:6** "*Seek the LORD*

*while he may be found;*

*call on Him*

*while he is near.*"

**Matthew 7:7**

**Luke 6:12** (Before Jesus chose The Twelve)

**Romans 8:27**

**1 Timothy 2:1-2**

**Scripture to Memorize:**

**Psalm 6:9** "*The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.*"

**NOTES on Speaking Session:****Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. What is your understanding of the phrase ‘praying Scripture’—praying the *Word*?

•Place a check mark before the following statements which describe what you already do:

- Ask God to speak to you through His Word
- Accept God’s Word as speaking to you personally
- Internalize the Word as you read, study, and meditate on it daily
- Receive and believe the Word as *Truth*
- Share with others what God has said to you in His Word
- Speak the very Words you’ve read back to God—communicating with God in His own Words

2. “Everything that we pray about, God has a will about,” said Pastor Joe Williams. Write a Scripture below that simply states God’s ‘will’ about something you pray.

**EXAMPLE of what is NOT His will**—“*not wanting anyone to perish*”—in **2 Peter 3:9**. The last line in that verse tells us that He **wants**—wills—“*everyone to come to repentance.*”

3. Prayerlessness is the biggest hindrance to prayer for all of us!  **Agree** or  **Disagree**

**Recommended Reading:**

*Developing Your Secret Closet of Prayer*, Richard Burr

*The Power of Simple Prayer*, Joyce Meyer

***The Preacher's Prayer—***  
*Stirred the Kansas Legislature with Truth!*

In 1995, Bob Russell wrote a prayer to present at the Kentucky Governors' prayer breakfast in Frankfort. (It has been attributed to Rev. Billy Graham, and referred to as *Paul Harvey's Prayer*—but Russell is its author.) A year later, on January 23, 1996, when Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas House, he quoted it. Everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done.

- “•We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.
- “•We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- “•We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- “•We have killed our unborn and called it choice.
- “•We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.
- “•We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self esteem.
- “•We have abused power and called it politics.
- “•We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- “•We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- “•We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

“Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!”

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, in Wichita, KS, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea.

Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, 'The Rest of the Story,' and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired.

### *31 Ways to Pray for Our Military*

1. Protection—Psalm 32:7; Psalm 34:7
2. Wisdom—James 1:5
3. Peace—John 14:26; Philippians 4:7
4. Presence of God—Psalm 46:1
5. Inner strength—Psalm 17:8
6. Clear mind—Psalm 17:8
7. Security—Psalm 17:8
8. Health for physical body—Philippians 4:13
9. Courage—Joshua 1:9
10. To help others—Philippians 2:3-4
11. To be aware of God's love for them—Psalm 42
12. Family concerns—1 Peter 5:7
13. Rest—Matthew 11:28-29
14. Adjust to time change, sleep—Psalm 4:8
15. Unity in purpose—1 Peter 3:8
16. Loneliness—Deuteronomy 31:6
17. Children of the military—Psalm 68:5; Isaiah 54:13
18. Spouses/Parents of the military—Isaiah 40:11
19. Patience while waiting—Psalm 33:20
20. God directing their steps—Psalm 32:8
21. Diligence in their work—Colossians 8:23
22. Resist temptation—1 Corinthians 10:13
23. Discernment—Philippians 1:9
24. Traveling safety—Psalm 121:7-8
25. Fighting depression—Psalm 42:5
26. Protection from evil—2 Thessalonians 3:3
27. Encourage those around them—Proverbs 11:25
28. Personal prayer life—Jeremiah 33:3
29. Deliverance from the enemy—Psalm 31:15
30. Angels to guard them—Psalm 34:7
31. Persistence for the task—Galatians 6:9

## *QUOTES on Prayer*

● **M. E. Andross**

“...the man on his knees has a leverage underneath the mountain which can cast it into the sea, if necessary, and can force all earth and heaven to recognize the power there is in ‘His Name.’”

“If the Christian does not allow prayer to drive sin out of his life, sin will drive prayer out of his life. Like light and darkness, the two cannot dwell together.”

● **Paul E. Billheimer**

“Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying.”

● **Andrew Bonar**

“The soul in one single quiet hour of prayer will often make more progress than in days of company with others.”

● **Brother Lawrence**

“There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.”

● **E. M. Bounds**

“Prayer breaks all bars, dissolves all chains, opens all prisons, and widens all straits by which God’s saints have been held.”

“No learning can make up for the failure to pray. No earnestness, no diligence, no study, no gifts will supply its lack.”

“Prayer is the greatest of all forces, because it honors God and brings Him into active aid.”

“Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer and God delivers by prayer.”

● **Richard Burr**

“One’s spiritual life will never be above the practice of one’s private prayer life.”

● **Oswald Chambers**

“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”

● **Mrs. Charles E. Cowman**

“Oh, the thought to have God all alone to myself, and to know that God has me all alone to Himself.”

● **William Cowper**

“Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees.”

● **Martin Luther**

“As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.”

● **Andrew Murray**

“Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue. God’s voice in response to mine is its most essential part.”

● **A. T. Pierson**

“There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country that did not begin in united prayer.”

● **Evan Roberts**

“Prayer is the secret of power.”

● **C. H. Spurgeon**

“Prayer can never be in excess.”

“... True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.”

“Power of prayer can never be overrated. They who cannot serve God by preaching need not regret. If a man can pray he can do anything. He who knows how to overcome with God in prayer has Heaven and earth at his disposal.”

“Let the church be constant in supplication. Let every private believer cast his mite of prayer into the treasury.”

“Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God.”

● **Corrie Ten Boom**

“Don’t pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees.”

● **John Wesley**

“Prayer is where the action is.”

● **Unknown**

Prayer is the real work; evangelism is just the mopping up.

When we work we work, but when we pray God works!