

“2020 View of Prayer ” Part Two – PRAYING BOLDLY!!

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INTRODUCTION: Not everyone can pray boldly before God. Some are plagued by doubt, fear, and are afraid to ask because there's a lack of confidence that God will answer as they desire. Yet as believers, we are compelled by the Holy Scriptures to boldly seek God's intervention in our lives. When we learn to pray courageously with wisdom, our faith is stretched and we can't help but to press on with greater requests to God. He wants us to pray with boldness and confidence. **BE BOLD!**

It's our spiritual birthright to pray with confidence in our heavenly Father's ability to intervene in any situation, save the lost, change lives and transform our world. He wants us to pray with boldness and courage—not because we have it all together, but rather that He holds it all together with us in mind. Let's be changed together today.

“Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith.”
1 Thessalonians 3:10 (NLT)

I. PRAY _____. (verse 10)

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” **Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**

Prayer is A CONSTANT CONVERSATION WITH GOD!

- **Practice: First Two Minutes**
- **Oswald Chambers said, "If in the first waking moment of the day you learn to fling the door back and let God in, every public thing will be stamped with the presence of God."**

II. PRAY _____. (verse 10)

“Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.” **Ephesians 3:20 (NASB)**

- **Practice: Pray out loud. Pray the Psalms.**
- **Abraham Lincoln said, "I have been driven, many times, to my knees by the conviction that I had nowhere else to go."**

III. PRAY _____. (verse 10)

*“So let us come **boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”* **Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)**

BOLDNESS IN PRAYER IS ASKING GOD TO ACT!

PRACTICE FOR BOLD, SPECIFIC PRAYERS: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NLT)

“May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you

stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen."

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NLT)

1. PRAY FOR GOD TO _____.

"May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon." (verse 11)

"When the uproar had ended, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said good-bye and set out for Macedonia."

Acts 20:1 (NIV)

- **Pray: Bulldozer Prayers**

2. PRAY FOR GOD TO _____.

"May the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. (verse 12)

"While knowledge may make us feel important, it is love that really builds up the church."

1 Corinthians 8:1 (NLT)

"...if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)

- **Pray: "God increase my love for _____."**

3. PRAY FOR _____.

"May he, as a result, make your hearts strong" (verse 13a)

- **Pray: "God, give them a strong heart."**

4. PRAY FOR _____.

"blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father." (verse 13b)

- **Pray: 100% Prayers**
- **Ask: What do you want God to do? What do you think God wants to do?**

5. PRAY FOR _____.

"when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people." (verse 13c)

OUR PRAYER FOR CHANGE:

"Lord, I want things to change, really change, in my prayer life.

I pray from time to time, I want to learn to pray all the time. Teach me to pray.

I pray casually. I want to learn to pray earnestly and boldly! Teach me to pray.

I pray for a change of my circumstances, but forget to pray for a change in my character.

I pray for my needs to be met, but forget to pray for my love to increase.

My prayers often stretch no further than tomorrow. I want them to reach towards eternity.

Jesus, teach me to pray. Teach me to pray with boldness. In Jesus' name, amen."

MY NEW 2020 VIEW ON PRAYER: MAKE PRAYING BOLDLY A PRIORITY!

- _____ ***I prayed the prayer today and really want change in my prayer life.***
- _____ ***I am willing to host a prayer group.***
- _____ ***I would like to be a part of a prayer group.***