Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, *and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me,* ***when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord****, and I will bring you back from your captivity.* Jeremiah 29:12-14

Prayer is your Mission - If You Choose to Accept It

"Do not be anxious or worried about anything, ***but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition*** *with thanksgiving, continue to* ***make your [specific] requests known to God."*** Philippians 4:6 AMP

There are about 650 different prayers in the Bible, with 450 recorded answers to prayer. There are over 850 references to prayer throughout Scripture. **Prayer is a BIG DEAL in God's plan for us.**

The greatest thing we can do is Pray!

God expects us to take everything to Him in prayer. (Philippians 4:6)

To pray effectively we must believe in _____ prayer.

The effective*, fervent prayer of a righteous man* ***avails much****.* James 5:16

The earnest heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man ***makes tremendous power available dynamic in its working.*** James 5:16 (AMP)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God* ***must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*** Hebrews 11:6

There can be no greater thing accomplished in life than to learn to pray aright and to realize the importance and power of prayer. The importance of prayer can be easily understood when we come to know **that anything and everything we possibly can want in life can be received through prayer**. This enables us to realize the tremendous power of prayer. **Prayer will move Heaven and Earth and bring everything to us that we command that is covered by the promises of God.** F. Dake

Core Point: There is a power in prayer that nothing else can replace. God wants us to ask Him great things about all that we face in life. Prayer releases the power of the will of God to become His answer in this world, let us ask boldly!

A Plan to Release The Power of Prayer

1. Get God's word on it.

*"****God can't break His word.*** *And because* ***His word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable****. We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason* ***to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, r****eaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus,* ***running on ahead of us,*** *has taken up His permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek."* Heb. 6:18–20 MSG

Prayer is surrender - **surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will.** If I throw out a boat hook from a boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God. E. Stanley Jones

2. _____! 1 John 5:14-15

We have to be deliberate about what we are asking and expecting God to answer in our lives.

*"****Call to Me, and I will answer you****, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."* Jeremiah 33:3

*I****f you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help.*** *You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it.* ***Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought.*** *People who "worry their prayers" are like wind-whipped waves. Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open.* James 1:5-7 MSG

"You do not have because you do not ask." James 4:2

3. Remember your prayers and expect to receive!

_____ your prayers or what you have prayed about.

If the Bible records 650 prayers, perhaps our prayers are worth preserving too, by making a prayer list or prayer journal.

*"****Write the vision And make it plain on tablets****, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.* ***Though it tarries, wait for it;*** *Because it will surely come, It will not tarry."* Habakkuk 2:2–3

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers. 1 Peter 3:12

Core Statement: I believe in the power of prayer! I will learn to pray to God about everything in my life. I will get God's promise in His Word and ask in faith. I look expectantly and patiently for the answer that God has on the way for me!