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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture
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"Stop, Drop, and Pray"

(Stop running away from the enemy, **Drop** to your knees and **Pray**)

Prayer is a way to communicate with God

Prayer is a way to ask God for help and forgiveness

Prayer is a way to express gratitude to God

Prayer is a way to confess your sins to God

Prayer is a way to seek God and grow in intimacy with Him

Prayer is a way to demonstrate faith in God

God wants action, satan want's reaction

Prayer to Believers is also an Extremely Powerful Weapon against our enemy satan

Prayer is important to Believers because it allows Us to communicate with God, worship Him, and ask for His forgiveness, help, and guidance. Prayer is also a way to strengthen Our relationship with God and become more like Jesus.

"Prayer moves the hand that moves the world" is a phrase that means prayer has the power to influence and change significant events in the world, implying that through prayer, one can connect with The Creator Of The Universe (Jesus Christ) which can impact the course of things on a global scale

Through Prayer, God allows us to be involved in His work that will go on forever. When we pray, we participate in God's will being accomplished "on earth as it is in heaven."



Matthew 6:5-8

(Instructions to Believers on Praying)

Amplified Bible

(5) "Also, when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to pray [publicly] standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets so that they may be seen by men. I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, they [already] have their reward in full.

International Standard Version

(6) But whenever you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees from the hidden place will reward you.

Contemporary English Version

(7) When you pray, don't talk on and on as people do who don't know God. They think God likes to hear long prayers.

Amplified Bible

(8) So do not be like them [praying as they do]; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

What happens when believers pray? - When you pray, God listens. Then He answers your prayers in the form of thoughts, spiritual feelings, scripture, or even the actions of other people. Your Prayers are received as a form of worship and praise, considered precious to God, and are seen as a direct communication with Him; essentially, your prayers are heard and acknowledged by God, with Jesus acting as the mediator between them and the Father, presenting their requests on their behalf.

John 9:31

World English Bible

(31) We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, he listens to him.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

(31) "But we know that God does not listen to the voice of a sinner, but listens to whoever worships him and does his will."

Weymouth New Testament

(31) We know that God does not listen to bad people, but that if any one is a God-fearing man and obeys Him, to him He listens.



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James 5:13-18

(The Prayers of The Righteous (Believers) are dynamic and can have tremendous power)

Contemporary English Version

(13) If you are having trouble, you should pray. And if you are feeling good, you should sing praises.

NET Bible

(13) Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praises.

Amplified Bible

(14) Is anyone among you sick? He must call for the elders (spiritual leaders) of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

Holman Christian Standard Bible

(14) Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over him after anointing him with olive oil in the name of the Lord.

Contemporary English Version

(15) If you have faith when you pray for sick people, they will get well. The Lord will heal them, and if they have sinned, he will forgive them.

Young's Literal Translation

(15) and the prayer of the faith shall save the distressed one, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if sins he may have committed, they shall be forgiven to him.

Amplified Bible

(16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed *and* restored. The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) is able to accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power].

New International Version

(16) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is **powerful and effective**.

New Living Translation

(16) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has **great power and produces wonderful results.**

Amplified Bible

(17) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours [with the same physical, mental, and spiritual limitations and shortcomings], and he prayed intensely for it not to rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

New International Version

(18) Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.



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1 John 2:1-6

Amplified Bible

(1) My little children (believers, dear ones), I am writing you these things so that you will not sin and violate God's law. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate [who will intercede for us] with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous [the upright, the just One, who conforms to the Father's will in every way—purpose, thought, and action].

Amplified Bible

(2) And He [that same Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins [the atoning sacrifice that holds back the wrath of God that would otherwise be directed at us because of our sinful nature—our worldliness, our lifestyle]; and not for ours alone, but also for [the sins of all believers throughout] the whole world

Amplified Bible

(3) And this is how we know [daily, by experience] that we have come to know Him [to understand Him and be more deeply acquainted with Him]: if we habitually keep [focused on His precepts and obey] His commandments (teachings)

International Standard Version

(4) The person who says, "I have come to know him," but does not continually keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth has no place in that person.

International Standard Version

(5) But whoever continually keeps his commandments is the kind of person in whom God's love has truly been perfected. This is how we can be sure that we are in union with God:

Amplified Bible

(6) whoever says he lives in Christ [that is, whoever says he has accepted Him as God and Savior] ought [as a moral obligation] to walk and conduct himself just as He walked and conducted Himself

Some meanings:

Effectual: Having the power through Christ to produce a desired result

Fervent: Intense, passionate, constant

Availeth: Produces a God given advantage and serves in a useful way to God

Praying Fervently:

Pray with faith, sincerity, and humility through the Holy Spirit

Pray with fervor, which means praying with intensity and emotion

Pray with specificity (being precise, clear, and exact).



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Pray without being concerned about what people think

Pray with determination and settle on what God can do

Pray with groanings (the act of praying when one's feelings are too deep to express in words)

Amplified Bible: Rom 8:26

In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with Sighs and groanings too deep for words.

Anointing with olive oil in the Bible symbolized <u>holiness</u>, <u>consecration</u>, and <u>divine</u> <u>favor</u>. It was used to set apart people and objects as <u>holy and dedicated to God</u>.

Purpose:

Sanctification: Anointing with olive oil made someone or something holy.

Consecration: Anointing with olive oil marked someone as consecrated and chosen for a special purpose.

Healing: Anointing with olive oil was used to treat the sick.

Honor: Anointing with olive oil was a token of honor.

Who was anointed with olive oil?

Priests: Anointing with olive oil was originally used exclusively for priests.

Kings: Anointing with olive oil was later extended to include kings. For example, the prophet Samuel anointed King David with oil.

Jesus: Jesus was anointed with oil at Bethany, which marked him as the Messiah.

Olive oil is mentioned numerous times in the Bible, signifying joy, health, and blessing. It was used for anointing priests, kings, and prophets, symbolizing God's choice and consecration of individuals for specific, holy purposes.



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TO BOAST IN THE LORD

Hallelujah. It's a word followers of Jesus have used for centuries. We use it when we agree with something we've read or heard, and it's a word we sing in countless worship songs every weekend at churches around the world. But do you know what it really means? It's actually a combination of two Hebrew words that have significant meaning in the Scriptures.

The first word is *hallel*, which we translate as "praise" but means so much more. It's more than raising your hands in church during worship. *Hallel* literally means to boast in God. In fact, it means to have such a deep and joyous praise and adoration for God that the ancient Jews required five biblical poems (Psalms 113–118) to define the word adequately.

The second part is jah, which simply means "the Lord."

So, hallelujah literally means "to joyfully, adoringly, and triumphantly praise the Lord." And, Christians have been using this word for centuries because it's the only word grand enough to capture how much we should rejoice in God.

How will you hallelujah—boast in and joyfully praise God with everything—today?

How To Pronouce "Hallelujah" (hal-i-loo-ya)





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For Your NOTEs
