



# Praying Parents Prayer Group Christian Ministry

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## 3pG Family Prayer Requests and Fasting Day – ABBA, FATHER

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### ABBA, FATHER HEARS PRAYERS

### Breaking of Bread: Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer works. This is true and eternal. Prayer never dies. Prayer is the only God ordained method by which man can speak to Him. Prayer is not difficult, prayer is not complex. Prayer is simply talking, talking to God. Prayer is not limited to lonely places, though this is necessary a times, just to be alone with God but God cannot and should not be limited to some particular locations, the same God on the mountain is the God in the valley and on the plain. Jehovah is not limited by time or space, and there are no favourite method or style of praying. Fasting and prayer are good but praying to get answer is not limited to when we fast. Fasting is not a condition for answers to prayers, faith and holiness is. Fasting can boost your faith but it is not a substitutes to faith and holiness. Prayer is talking, it is unburdened your heart to God, failure to talk can also be failure to get.

#### 1. How to Pray - Psalms 5:2; Luke 11:2.

Prayer is not about postures, whatever posture you chose each time you pray is alright with God, all He looks at is the condition of your heart and the fruit

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of your lips. The severity of the case at hand, the condition you find yourself can all play one or two roles in the posture you adopt as you set to pray. Closing of eyes is not a condition for prayer but if closing of eyes can help you concentrate, and it does help, then do close your eyes to pray but it should not be taken as a rule without which prayer will not be answered. If you are driving and praying please don't close your eyes, so as not to endanger your life and the lives of other road users. Prayer include thanksgiving, praise, worship, and making of requests. All are essential parts of prayer, and sometimes, they can be offered in any orders as the situation present themselves and as the Lord leads.

## **2. When and where to Pray - 1 Timothy 2:8; Luke 18:1; 1 Tim. 2:8.**

The Bible teaches that there are times or hours of prayers, so man can separate the religious life from his secular life, and to allow for undisturbed absolute concentration on the subjects of prayer and for undivided attention on God. This being said, Jesus separate spirituality from vain religious traditions when He said *men ought always to pray* (at all times - Luke 18:1) and the respected apostle Paul says men should *pray everywhere* (everywhere mean everywhere – 1 Timothy 2:8). Prayer can be done from the comfort of your office, or in the very midst of noise in a market place but prayer should never take the place of the work you are paid to do. Giving precious work hours to prayers and abandoning work is unscriptural and hinders answers to prayers. God loves work, He also loves prayers, and in us is the ability to balance the two to the glory of God. You can pray as you work and you can work as you pray. None should suffer for the other.

## **3. Words and Holy Spirit in Prayer - Romans 8:26; Isaiah 41:21; John 14:26.**

We have rightly define prayer as talking to God. Talking to God needs the help of God. That is where the working of the Holy Spirit comes into play.

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Talking to God is to plead for your own case in Jesus Christ Name against an enemy who is ever accusing you before God. To win, you must argue your case properly and produce your strong reasons why God must answer you and look away from the accusations of the enemy. That is where the Word of God, and the Blood of Jesus Christ, with the help of Holy Spirit is useful. Arguing your case before God, without His Word, the Blood and the Name of Jesus Christ, with the help of the Holy Spirit is a mere wasting of time. Prayer is not for show, it is demonstration of confidence in God. Praying to impress will only end in more frustrations. Prayer is exchange of human weaknesses with the strength of God. Prayer is not a substitute for living right and holiness is not an excuse for not praying. Holiness bring confidence (Hebrews 4:16; Proverbs 28:1). Above all, especially when you don't know what else to say, and you are sincerely at a loss, ask for mercy in Jesus Christ Name.

#### **4. Obedience** - Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 1:5; 2 Corinthians 10:6; Hebrews 5:8.

Where there is no obedience, there will be hindrances and delay in answers to prayers. Though, not all unanswered prayers are as a result of disobedience, but disobedience to God's command can serve as barrier to receiving from God. For example, love your wife and honour her, love your husbands and submit to him, love and train your children, honour your father and mother are commands that carry natural penalties when we fail to keep them. However, when you have done your best, and it seem it is not enough, always ask for mercy. Then be on a look out, God may be pointing your attention to something. When the bush is burning, and the leaves are not consumed, and the fire too is not stopping despite rebuking the enemy, pause and listening, may be God is telling you something, carefully find out what it is (Exodus. 3:1-4).

#### **5. Attitude to Prayer** - Philippians 4:6; Philippians 1:4.

Prayer works more when there is burden to pray and when there is burden to be prayed on. Whatever gets your attention can get the attention of God if we

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turn it over to Him with the same zeal and commitment we often give matters that are important to us. Always leave the place of prayer with confidence you are heard and with the joy that you have received. Never let go of your peace and trust in God. God is very much interested in the peace of His people.

**May God bless you and keep you with the cloud of grace in the daytime, and may He protect you with a light of fire in the night time and may Abba, Father cause all created things to work and cooperate with you in all your ways in this Year of Abba, Father and beyond in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen and Amen!**

**Happy Covenant of Words - Isa. 59:21**

**- Group Admin, 3pG.**