

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

"Prayer is, at root, simply paying attention to God." - Dr. Ralph Martin

"Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God's voice is its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine." - Andrew Murray

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"Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. Prayer is an expression of faith in God's power, fuelled by a desire for more of him." - Johan Piper

"Prayer at its holiest moment is the entering into God [where] miracles seem tame ... by comparison." - AW Tozer

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"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is a spiritual commerce with the Creator of heaven and earth." - Charles Spurgeon

"Prayer itself is an art which only the Holy Ghost can teach us. He is the giver of all prayer. Pray for prayer- pray till you can pray." - Charles Spurgeon

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"In the morning, prayer is the key that opens to us the treasures of God's mercies and blessings; in the evening, it is the key that shuts us up under His protection and safeguard." - Billy Graham

"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice." - Billy Graham

## WHY PRAY?

If God already knows everything and already made up His mind as to what He is going to do?

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Commanded by God, Modelled by Jesus,  
Practiced by disciples...

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I want to fight and take ground, not just  
defend - Ephesians 6:11-18

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Ephesians 6:11-18 (NIV)

“<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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“<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the **full armour** of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

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“<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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<sup>18</sup> 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 Lord's people. “

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The problem is not the problem  
- Romans 8:5-6

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<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the **flesh is death**, but the mind governed by the **Spirit is life and peace.**"

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Presence, Power, Prophecy

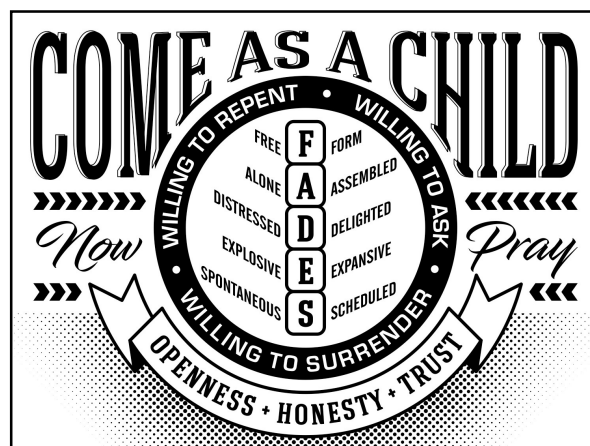
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Relationship & Intimacy with God  
- Romans 8: 14-15 (NIV)

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<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. **And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."**



## INVITATION TO RESPOND

### 1<sup>ST</sup> Song

- Repent of Prayerlessness / living by flesh
- Ask Jesus to teach you how to pray

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Song

- Surrender to God - place trust in Him