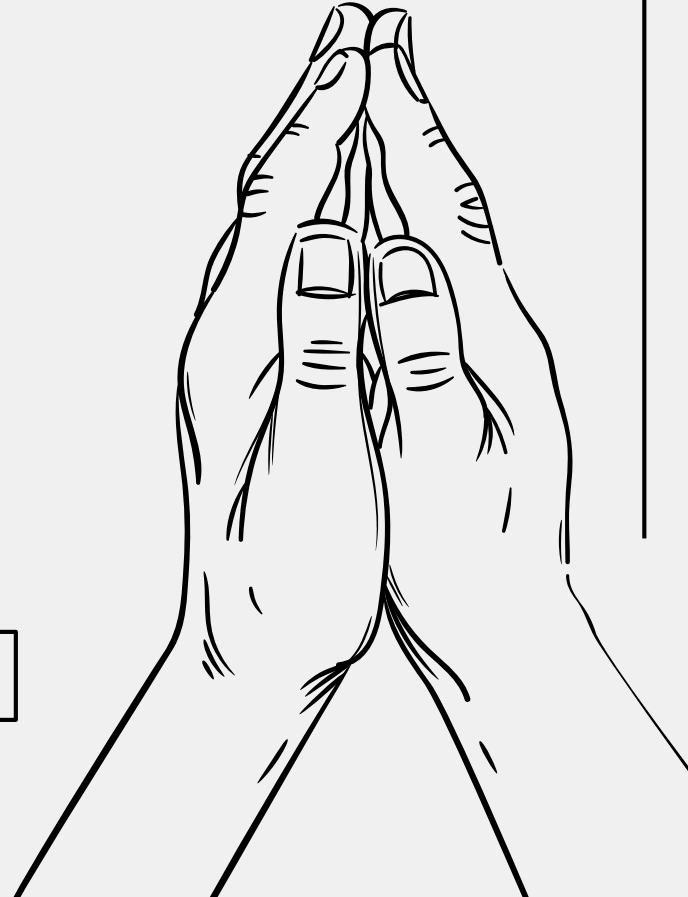


Harvest Prayer

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What is prayer

Why did Jesus pray?

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

How do we live as the called-out ones(ecclesia)?

How was Jesus's life influenced by his prayers?

John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

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What are the basic tenets of prayer?

God is real. God hears. God responds. God is relational.

We are fundamentally different from God.

He is the potter, and we are the clay.

We approach God in our powerlessness, and He responds in His power.

Prayer doesn't change God, it changes us.

What is prayer

John Piper argues that prayer is a wartime walkie-talkie, not a domestic intercom. God is more like a general in Command Central than a butler waiting to bring you another pillow in the den.

Of course, He is also Father, Lover, Friend, Physician, Shepherd, Helper, King, Savior, Lord, and Counselor.

But in this fallen world filled with demonic powers and principalities, prayer will function best when we keep the frequency tuned to Command Central in the fight of faith.

How did prayer change me?

Who should we pray for

1 Tim 2:1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

Matt 5:43-45 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

Rom 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them(the lost) is that they may be saved.

Acts 28:8 It happened that the father of Publius(the lost) lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him healed him.

Our harvest prayer

How do we approach this harvest month?

I. We call upon God in our powerlessness

Ps 119:149 Heed my voice according to your steadfast love O Lord according to your justice, give me life.

Ps 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit

We call upon God based on his steadfast love.

We recognize that the life we have, and the relationship we have is based on His grace and mercy alone.

We remember from what and where God has saved us and we ask for a willing spirit so that we are free to say yes!

Our harvest prayer

2. We declare the eternal reality of God's heart

Acts 15:14 Visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name

Rom 10:13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

We remind ourselves of why God does his work of salvation and what God's heart is for the lost.

3. We remember that which we have tasted and seen

Is 6:8 Send me! **Ps 9:11** Tell among the peoples his deeds!

We recognize that God needs willing vessels, and we boldly take up the burden of Christ to go as one who's sent into areas we frequent and share what God has done.

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Let us pray