

Persistent Prayer
Prayer That God Answers – Part 4

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV) pray without ceasing,

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Luke 18:1 (ESV) And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Luke 18:7-8 (ESV) And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

1. Decide to be _____

Luke 11:9 (ESV) And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

A. Don't become _____

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

B. Rely on God's _____

Philippians 4:13 (ESV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2. Accept God's _____

Psalms 126:5-6 (ESV) Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

A. Pray with _____

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

B. Witness _____

2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

3. Pray for new _____ of God

John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

A. Ask for the _____ to work

Titus 3:5 (ESV) he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

B. Declare God's Word in _____

Ezekiel 37:4-5 (ESV) Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Exodus 23:25-26 (ESV) You shall serve the LORD your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

Persistent Prayer Study Guide
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Intro. How can you pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)?

How does Ephesians 6:18 expand on what it means to pray continually?

What are the causes of people giving up on prayer (Luke 18:1)?

What is God's promise and warning concerning prayer in Luke 18:7-8?

How are faith and persistence in prayer related?

1A. How is persistent prayer like knocking on a door (Luke 11:5-10)?

1B. What kinds of things can cause you to grow weary in prayer (Galatians 6:9)?

1C. How can you rely on God's strength in prayer (Philippians 4:13)?

1D. What practical ways would help you be more persistent in praying for the lost?

2A. How is praying for the lost like sowing with tears (Psalm 126:5-6)?

2B. How can you grow in God's desire to see the lost saved (Romans 10:1)?

2C. Why is boldly witnessing to the people you are praying for important (2 Corinthians 5:20)?

2D. Who are you praying for to be saved?

3A. How does a lost person become born again as a child of God (John 1:12)?

3B. What are the different works of the Holy Spirit that lead a person to be saved (Titus 3:5)?

3C. Why are the words that you speak regarding the lost so important (Ezekiel 37:4-5)?

3D. What can you do to help fulfill the 2022 Plus One Challenge?