



Prayer

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5 REASONS WE CANNOT MAKE IT WITHOUT PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18-19 NKJV

“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,”

Ephesians 6:18-19 NLT

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.



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I. Introduction: PRAYER HAS NO SUBSTITUTES

II. FIVE REASONS A CHURCH CANNOT CONTINUE WITHOUT PRAYER



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**1. Prayer empties
the heart of its
cares**

1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV
**“Humble yourselves
therefore under the
mighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you
in due time: casting all
your care upon him;
for he careth for you.”**



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2. Prayer acknowledges that the answer is beyond your human ability



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3. Prayer is the way to divine direction

Proverbs 3:6 KJV

“In all thy ways
acknowledge him,
And he shall direct
thy paths.”



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4. Prayer strengthens my relationship with God.

Hebrews 4:14-16 KJV

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”



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5. Prayer changes me

Malachi 3:6 KJV

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

Psalm 90:2 KJV

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”



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2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV

**“if my people, which are called by my name,
shall humble themselves, and pray, and
seek my face, and turn from their wicked
ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will
forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”**



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CONCLUSION

SAUL IN ACTS 9



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