



# How to Pray with Power!

Powerful prayer does not “just happen.” It must follow precise guidelines which Jesus gave. When these are overlooked, people wrongly conclude that prayer does not work. Here are seven principles for powerful prayer:

## 1. Form a Group of Two or Three

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)

Powerful prayer is a function of the Body of Christ. His Body is made up of different parts, but each part must function in harmony with each other under the headship of Christ. Jesus is also the head of the Church; which when functioning properly is so dynamic that even the gates of hell cannot resist giving up those that are trapped and destined for eternal destruction. (Matthew 6:18)

Church does not happen only when a group of believers meet Sunday morning or Sunday evening. Church “happens” whenever two or three believers gather together in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to edify one another and to advance the Kingdom of God.

## 2. Be in One Accord

“If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:19)

To be in one accord is to have “the same passion.” Powerful prayer must be fervent because “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16) To be in one accord means that each one loves Jesus with all his or her heart, soul, mind, and strength. It also means that there are no competing affections with things of the world. (See James 4:1-5.)

## 3. Pray Out Loud

“They lifted up their voice to God with one accord... And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:24,31)

The power of praying out loud with one accord was demonstrated in the early church. It is based on the truth that “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21) and on the principle that faith must be expressed by the words of our mouth and the beliefs of our heart. (See Romans 10:8-13.)

Crying out to God with our voice is also the means of achieving effectual fervent prayer by a group, and experiencing the results promised in Psalm 50:15 “Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”

## 4. Use the Correct Name of Jesus

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.” (John 14:13-14)

The name of Jesus is powerful. The disciples affirmed this when they prayed that healing signs and wonders would be done in the name of “thy holy child Jesus.” (Acts 4:27) The name of Jesus includes more than just the word “Jesus”. He has many appropriate titles.

For example, when we pray for the salvation of a person, we should use the name “Jesus our Redeemer” or “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29) We should begin our prayer with His name “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”, and we should end it with praise to God’s Kingdom, power, and glory. (See Matthew 6:9-13)

## 5. Disable Satan

“No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.” (Mark 3:27)

We are called to the great works of preaching the good news of salvation, binding up the brokenhearted, proclaiming liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. (See Luke 4:18) However, this will never happen until we disable Satan by asking God to rebuke him in the name and through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. In prayer, we are not wrestling with people but with principalities, and powers, and we must come boldly into the throne of God with our armor, and resist the devil so he will flee from us. (See James 4:7.)

## 6. Use Precise “Rhemas” of Scripture

“If ye abide in me, and my words [rhemas] abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.” (John 15:7-8)

We are to pray with God’s Spirit and the Sword of the Spirit is the Word[rhema] of God. Jesus overcame Satan by quoting precise commands from the Old Testament. The first was, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word [rhema] that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4) When Jesus used this precise rhema, Satan had to flee.

## 7. Have a “Heart Belief”

“Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” (Mark 11:23)

When we use the right name of Jesus and pray the precise rhemas of Scripture, we can be confident that God will answer. Without this confidence, we will be like a wave of the sea cast to and fro with the wind. “Let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.” (James 1:7)