

STUDY NOTES

Review/Discussion Questions: (for use in your own home study or in your home group) - Pray these prayers by Joyce, Morris & Gregory stopping after each paragraph to consider/discuss the significance and purpose of the prayer:

Father, open my eyes to see the unlimited power You have given me in prayer. Forgive my unbelief. Dear Lord, take me beyond my natural limitations. Teach me how to live this powerful dimension of prayer where I dare to believe for the impossible.

Release Your faith in me! Use me to speak the prayer of faith to remove every obstacle and opposing force standing between me and the fulfillment of Your will in my life. Use me to speak the prayer of faith to do the same works You did, healing the sick, casting out demons, and setting the captives free. Use me to speak the prayer of faith over our cities and nations to see deliverance and healing in Your name!

Father, please forgive me for viewing my prayer time as a duty or ritual. Help me to treasure my time in prayer because I love and treasure You. (I Cor. 13:3) Father, forgive me for spending so little time with You. Forgive me for being inconsistent in prayer. Help me to make our time together my top priority.

Lord Jesus, help me make my relationship with You the highest priority in my life. Help me to not put my own activities or my ministry ahead of my love relationship with You. May I never get so busy doing things "for You" that I neglect my time "with You." May I hunger for You that I would not neglect any of the essential kinds of prayer and my relationship with You."

Lord, may I hunger for You so that I would not neglect any of the essential types of prayer or my relationship with You.

KINDS OF PRAYER

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Turn to Ephesians 6:18

How do you sustain your natural life? KEEP _____
and KEEP _____.

How do you sustain our spiritual life? KEEP _____!
**Prayer is like breathing. Prayer connects to the _____
line of heaven.**

KEEP _____ THE WORD OF GOD.

Kinds of prayer

- **Asking/petitioning**
- **Supplication (strong appeals; pleading)**
- **Intercession (for others)**
- **Confession (come in to agreement)**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Proclamation/declaration (declaring the Word)**
- **Praise and worship and thanksgiving**
- **Consecration and commitment**
- **Praying in the Spirit**
- **Spiritual warfare**
- **Prayer and fasting**

Mark 16:17-18 says, "**These signs will follow those who believe. In my name they will cast of demons and they will speak with new tongues....." **THEY WILL!****

Benefits of using our spiritual language:

1. To praise God!
2. To speak mysteries! (go beyond our natural limited vocabulary)
3. To build ourselves up spiritually!
4. To allow the Holy Spirit to pray through you!
5. To stand against the enemy!

FASTING – See Matthew 7:21 & Matthew 6:16.

Fasting involves sacrifice.

Fasting is dethroning KING _____!

The Biblical meaning of **Fasting** is the voluntary abstinence from food, either completely or partially, for a period of time for the purpose of dedicated and concentrated prayer. It is refusing to eat what is _____.

Fasting does not manipulate God. God is NOT manipulatable.

See Psalm 27:4-5 – He is my _____.

Joyce Meyer:

“There is no greater power available to any person than the power of prayer.”

“Prayer is the greatest power in the universe because it releases the power of God into our lives and situations.”

“Prayer is powerful, even when you feel you must keep praying longer than you would like and even when you think and answer is too long in coming. Do not ever be tempted to doubt the power of prayer!”

Pastor Morris Cerullo:

“Prayer is the most powerful force upon the earth. We have not even begun to tap into the unlimited power available to us through the mighty power of prayer.” (page 38)

“Prayer is without a doubt the most powerful force on the earth. It is unlimited and unsurpassed in its scope and power. Prayer knows no boundaries and is not limited by time or space.”

“Through prayer,” he says, “we are able to tap into the unlimited power of God and take hold of the impossible.”

“The master key to prayer is developing a strong relationship with Christ through prayer.”

“Power,” he says, “does not travel through words; it travels through relationship.”

Gregory Frizzell - ***“A powerful prayer life is not just an exercise or a ritual, it is your commitment to a personal _____ with God”***

Closing Prayer:

Father, today I ask you again—teach me to pray! I want to learn how to communicate with You in my personal and individual language style. Father, I am asking You to stretch my vocabulary and my experience of prayer. Let me learn to enjoy my house of prayer and to create a vibrant atmosphere of love and passion for You in this place of prayer.

Lord, teach me to view prayer as the heart of our relationship. Teach me to pray from Your perspective and will, not my own. Open my eyes to the revelation of Your great purposes for my life. Amen. (See Mark 14:26)