

Some Ingredients Of Prayer

Bread Prayer 2

1 God Wants To Bless You.

2 Matt. 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
3 and I will give you rest...."

4 "Our heavenly Father waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His
5 blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of bound-
6 less love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little! Ellen White,
7 *Steps to Christ*, 94.1.

8 God Wants To Be In Relationship With You.

9 Matt. 6:6 "...when you have shut your door...."

10 Isa. 1:18 "Come let us reason...."

11 "If they will walk where he leads the way, he will make rough places
12 plain. He, with his presence, will create an atmosphere for the soul.
13 He closes the door and brings the soul into seclusion with God, and
14 the needy soul is to forget everyone and everything but God." Ellen
15 White, *Paulson Collection*, 345.2.

16 "By prayer, whether offered in the public assembly, or at the family
17 altar, or in the desert, man places himself directly in the presence of
18 God." Ellen White, Manuscript 23, 1899.2.

19 Combine Prayer With The Reading Of Scripture.

20 Jer. 15:16 (NKJV) 16 "Your words were found, and I ate them, And
21 Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;"

22 Read passages like the Lord's prayer or a Psalm, for example, and
23 make each verse a matter of prayer, thus allowing the Scriptures to
24 guide your praying.

25 Claim Promises.

26 Jer. 29:11 "I know the plans...."

27 Ps. 84:11 "No good thing will He withhold...."

28 2 Pet. 1:4 "by which have been given to us exceedingly great and
29 precious promises...."

30 2 Cor. 1:20 “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes....”
31 Heb. 10:23 “He who promised is faithful.”
32 Eph. 3:20 "... able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask
33 or think..."
34 “Sometimes He gives at once what we ask, but more often He just
35 gives His promise.” Ellen Crossman, *Mountain Rain*, p. 75.

36 Pray Simply And To The Point.

37 Matthew 14:30 (NKJV) 30 “Beginning to sink he cried out, saying,
38 “Lord, save me!”

39 “In our prayers we are to come right to the point.” Ellen White, Man-
40 uscript 23, 1899.8.

41 Ask; Ask Specifically.

42 Matt. 7:7-8 “Ask and it shall be given....”

43 Luke 1: 37 “With God, nothing is impossible.”

44 “Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse,
45 where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?” Ellen
46 White, *Steps to Christ*, 94.2.

47 Ask In Jesus' Name.

48 John 16: 23,24 “... whatever you ask the Father in My name He will
49 give you.”

50 Heb. 4: 16 “Let us therefore come boldly....”

51 Ask, Believing.

52 Mark 9: 23 “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who
53 believes.”

54 Mark 11: 24 “...believe that you have received them, and you will
55 have them.”

56 “It is a part of God’s plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith,
57 that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask.” Ellen White,
58 *Great Controversy*, 525.2.

59 Ask According To God's Will.

60 1 John 5:14-15 “...if we ask anything according to His will, He
61 hears us.”

62 “Christ ... makes it plain that our asking must be according to God’s
63 will; we must ask for the things that He has promised, and whatever
64 we receive must be used in doing His will. The conditions met, the
65 promise is unequivocal.” Ellen White, *Education*, 257.

66 “In reading about all these answers to prayer, the believing reader
67 may be led to think that I am spiritually minded above most of the
68 children of God, and that, therefore, the Lord favours us thus. The
69 true reason is this. Just in as many points as we are acting according
70 to the mind of God, in so many are we blessed and made a blessing.”
71 George Müller, *Narratives*, 64. [Müller, founder of the Bristol orpha-
72 nage that cared for close to 2,000 children, sought funds solely
73 through prayer.]

74 Your Prayers Can Be Hindered.

75 Ps. 66:18 “If I regard iniquity....”

76 Prov. 28:9 “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even
77 his prayer is an abomination.”

78 “If we regard iniquity in our hearts, if we cherish any darling sin, we
79 may be assured that no blessing will be given in response to our
80 prayers.” Ellen White, *The Bible Echo*, September 24, 1894.

81 Obey.

82 1 John 3:22 “...we receive ... because we keep His
83 commandments....”

84 “Prayer is obedience. It is founded on the adamantine rock of obedi-
85 ence to God. ... Behind the praying must be the doing; and it is the
86 constant doing of God's will in daily life which gives prayer its po-
87 tency, as our Lord plainly taught: "Not every one which saith unto
88 Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that
89 doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.” E. M. Bounds, *The*
90 *Necessity of Prayer*. [Bounds, Civil War era pastor and author, wrote
91 many books on prayer.]

92 Pray With Others.

93 Matt. 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered....”

94 Pray For Wisdom.

95 James 1:5 (NKJV) 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God
96 ... and it will be given to him.

97 “In the place of bearing your perplexities to a brother or a minister,
98 take them to the Lord in prayer. Do not place the minister where God
99 should be ... It is right, always, to counsel together. It is right to con-
100 verse together. It is right to make the difficulties that present them-
101 selves in any enterprise plain before your brethren and your minister.
102 But do not so greatly dishonor God as to depend on man for wisdom.
103 Seek God for the wisdom that cometh from above.” Ellen White,
104 Manuscript 23, 1899.9,11.

105 Ask Persistently.

106 Luke 11:1-5 “Because of his persistence....”

107 “There is no danger that the Lord will neglect to hear the prayers of
108 his people. He will be true to his word. The danger is that his tried,
109 tempted people will become discouraged and will not persevere in
110 prayer...” Ellen White, *Signs of the Times*, May 21, 1896 Par. 7.

111 Ask With Thanksgiving.

112 Php. 4: 6,7 “...but in everything by prayer and supplication, with
113 thanksgiving....”

114 Eph. 5:20 “...giving thanks always for all things to God....”

115 1 Thess. 5:18 “...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of
116 God in Christ Jesus for you.”

117 Php. 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”

118 “If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and
119 praise, we would have far more power in prayer. We would abound
120 more and more in the love of God and have more bestowed to praise
121 Him for. You who complain that God does not hear your prayers,
122 change your present order and mingle praise with your petitions.
123 When you consider His goodness and mercies you will find that He
124 will consider your wants.” Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*,
125 Vol. 5, 317.

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