

## 245 QUOTES ON PRAYER

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If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to the greatest source of power known to human beings.

*Billy Sunday*

If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer it is too small to be made into a burden.

*Corrie ten Boom*

Make a plan now to keep a daily appointment with God. The enemy is going to tell you to set it aside, but you must carve out the time. If you're too busy to meet with the Lord, friend, then you are simply too busy.

*Charles Swindoll*

The measure of our love for others can largely be determined by the frequency and earnestness of our prayers for them.

*A. W. Pink*

Some prayers are followed by silence because they are wrong, others because they are bigger than we can understand.

*Oswald Chambers*

If you have so much business to attend to that you have no time to pray, depend upon it, you have more business on hand than God ever intended you should have.

*D. L. Moody*

The morning watch is essential. You must not face the day until you have faced God, nor look into the face of others until you have looked into His. You cannot expect to be victorious, if the day begins only in your own strength. Face the work of every day with the influence of a few thoughtful quiet moments with your heart and God. Do not meet other people, even those of your own home, until you have first met the great Guest and honored Companion of your life, Jesus Christ.

*Streams in The Desert*

Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.

*Mother Teresa*

Have you ever thought what a wonderful privilege it is that every one each day and each hour of the day has the liberty of asking God to meet him in the inner chamber and to hear what He has to say?

*Andrew Murray*

God always answers our prayer. Either he changes the circumstances, or he supplies sufficient power to overcome them.

*Unknown*

Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger. Pray not for crutches but for wings.

*Phillips Brooks*

You thought God was to hear and answer you by making everything straight and pleasant-not so are nations or churches or men and women born; not so is character made. God is answering your prayer in His way.

*Mary Slessor*

I have learned to move man by prayer alone.

*Hudson Taylor*

His prayer was nothing else but a sense of the presence of God.

*Brother Lawrence*

God knows what's in our hearts. We might as well get right to the point.

*Bruce Bickel*

The call to unceasing prayer is not an invitation to divided consciousness; it does not imply that we pay any less attention to daily realities or retreat from life's responsibilities. It means being consciously constantly conscious of the presence of God amidst the changing complexion of everyday life.

*Debra Farrington*

Ask God to open your heart and kindle in it a spark of his love, and then you will begin to understand what praying means.

*Jean-Nicholas Grou*

We must not sit down and look for miracles. Up, and be doing, and the Lord will be with thee. Prayer and pains, through faith in Christ Jesus, will do anything.

*John Eliot*

Stop praying for things and start praying for people.

*Bret Nicholaus*

For a long while I was a mistress of the art of praying for God to change difficult circumstances. It took years before I learned how to pray for God to change me in the midst of the difficult circumstances.

*Karen Burton Mains*

Being useless and silent in the presence of our God belongs to the core of all prayer.

*Henri Nouwen*

True prayer is a spontaneous outpouring of honesty and need from the soul's foundation. In calm times, we say a prayer. In desperate times, we truly pray.

*David Jeremiah*

Francis of Assisi's safest haven was prayer; not of a single moment or idle, but prayer of long devotion...walking, sitting, eating or drinking, he was always intent upon prayer.

*Thomas of Celano*

Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be enjoyed, a rare delight that is always revealing some new beauty.

*E. M. Bounds*

We may pray most when we say least, and we may pray least when we say most.

*Augustine of Hippo*

When the Spirit has come to reside in someone, that person cannot stop praying; for the Spirit prays without ceasing in him. No matter if he is asleep or awake, prayer is going in his heart all the time. He may be eating or drinking, he may be resting or working- the incense of prayer will ascend spontaneously from his heart. The slightest stirring of his heart is like a voice which sings in silence and in secret to the Invisible.

*Isaac the Syrian*

In intercessory prayer, one seldom ends where one began.

*Douglas Steere*

The best reason to pray is that God is really there. In praying our unbelief starts to melt. God moves smack into the middle of even an ordinary day.

*Emily Griffin*

How hard is it for God to get your attention? Do you regularly practice turning aside in your day? That is, taking a moment to listen to God- because God, through the Holy Spirit, really is speaking, because we know, every place is filled with the presence of God. There is not an inch of space, not a moment of time, that God does not inhabit.

*John Ortberg*

God is bigger than all of us, beyond all of us. When I pray, I don't really pray for anything, I just try to understand God's will and do the best I can.

*Harry Connick, Jr.*

Prayer gives a man the opportunity of getting to know a gentleman he hardly ever meets. I do not mean his maker, but himself.

*William Inge*

Who goes to bed and does not pray  
Maketh two nights to every day.

*George Herbert*

God wants us to pray and will tell us how to begin where we are.

*The Cloud of Unknowing*

If Jesus had to take time alone with God, then we surely need to.

*Sharon Daugherty*

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

*Abraham Lincoln*

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

*Unknown*

Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of our recollection, the seat of mediation, the rest of our cares, and the calm of our tempest.

*Jeremy Taylor*

As I work through my day, I often find myself praying after each task. "What's next, Lord?" And before I walk into any room for a meeting, I always say a silent prayer, asking God to give me wisdom for that meeting. Prayer is the key to staying connected to God, and staying connected is the key to God's power and effectiveness. I recently tweeted this: "Much prayer-much power. Little prayer-little power. No prayer-no power." If I am not quietly talking to God as I do my work, I am not depending on him at that moment. And if I don't talk to God about what I'm doing, it shows that I'm doing it on my own power.

*Rick Warren*

How far away is heaven? It is not so far as some imagine. It wasn't very far for Daniel. It was not so far off that Elijah's prayer, and those of others could not be heard there. Men full of the Spirit can look right into heaven.

*Dwight L. Moody*

Prayer is striking the winning blow at the concealed enemy. Service is gathering up the results of that blow among the men we see and touch.

*Samuel Gordon*

In the soul-searching of our lives, we are to stay quiet so we can hear Him say all that He wants to say to us in our hearts.

*Charles Swindoll*

For Jesus, prayer was a vital element in making God's power available to people in need.

*Jim Reapsome*

The whole duty and blessedness of waiting on God has its root in this, that He is such a blessed Being, full, to overflowing, of goodness and power and life and joy, that we, however wretched, cannot for any time come into contact with Him, without that life and power secretly, silently, beginning to enter into us and blessing us. God is Love! God's love is just His delight to impart Himself and His blessedness to His children. Come, and however feeble you feel, just wait in His presence. As a feeble invalid is brought out into the sunshine to let its warmth go through him, come with all that is dark and cold in you into the sunshine of God's holy, omnipotent love, and sit and wait there, with the one thought: Here I am, in the sunshine of His love. As the sun does its work in the weak one who seeks its rays, God will do His work in you.

*Andrew Murray*

Prayer no longer seems like an activity to me; it has become the continuing language of the relationship I believe God designed to fulfill a human life.

*Keith Miller*

Since marriage is a spiritual relationship involving husband, wife, and God, prayer together keeps communication flowing among all three.

*Dennis and Barbara Rainey*

To try to pray is to pray. You can't fail at it. It's the only human endeavor I can think of where trying is doing. Reaching out is holding on. Joining in is letting go.

*Rick Hamlin*

Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time.

*Charles Stanley*

I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down, and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming.

*George Muller*

Go where your best prayers take you.

*Frederick Buechner*

I have often learned much more in one prayer than I have been able to glean from much reading and reflection.

*Martin Luther*

Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails.

*Watchman Nee*

People who are in the habit of praying— and they include the mystics of the Christian tradition— know that when a prayer is answered, it is never answered in a way that you expect.

*Kathleen Norris*

Prayer is the very highest energy of which the mind is capable.

*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

The self-sufficient does not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, the self-righteous cannot pray. No man is greater than his prayer life.

*Leonard Ravenhill*

Beware in your prayer, above everything, of limiting God—not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what he can do.

*Andrew Murray*

It is more effective to spend time talking to Christ about a man than talking to a man about Christ, because if you are talking to Christ about a man earnestly, trustingly, in the course of time you cannot help talking to the man effectively about Christ.

*Robert Munger*

Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.

*Mother Teresa*

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.

*Corrie Ten Boom*

God often gives in one brief moment that which he has for a long time denied.

*Thomas Kempis*

Silence is the first language of God; all else is a poor translation.

*Thomas Merton*

The morning is the gate of the day, and should be well guarded with prayer. It is one end of the thread on which the day's actions are strung, and should be well knotted with devotion. If we felt more the majesty of life we should be more careful of its mornings. He who rushes from his bed to his business and without worship is as foolish as though he had not put on his clothes, or washed his face, and as unwise as though he dashed into battle without arms or armor.

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

A day without prayer is a boast against God.

*Owen Carr*

Every Christian needs a half an hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.

*Francis de Sales*

The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything.

*Unknown*

Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of Omnipotence.

*J. Edwin Hartill*

The time of business does not differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clutter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament.

*Brother Lawrence*

It is by no haphazard chance that in every age men have risen early to pray. The first thing that marks decline in spiritual life is our relationship to the early morning.

*Oswald Chambers*

He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and happy life.

*William Law*

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

*Abraham Lincoln*

A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking. But he became more and more quiet until in the end he realized that prayer is listening.

*Soren Kierkegaard*

Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub the wrong side up.

*Sam Jones*

Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused.

*Charles Spurgeon*

If only God would lean out of heaven and tell me [my children] are going to make it, I could relax. But God doesn't do that. He tells us to be the parents he has called us to be in his strength and promises to do his part. Driven to prayer (after discovering that manipulation didn't work), I began to realize I was only truly positive and confident when I'd been flat on my face before the Lord.

*Jill Briscoe*

Some prayers have a longer voyage than others, but they return with the richer lading at last, so that the praying soul is a gainer by waiting for an answer.

*William Gurnall*

How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent, and God will speak again.

*Francois Fenelon*

We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely on him afterwards.

*Robert Leighton*

I have had prayers answered—most strangely so sometimes—but I think our heavenly Father's loving kindness has been even more evident in what He has refused me.

*Lewis Carroll*

Most commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends:  
they do all the talking.

*Fulton J. Sheen*

Every time we pray our horizon is altered, our attitude to things is altered,  
not sometimes but every time, and the amazing thing is that we don't pray  
more.

*Oswald Chambers*

We never pray for folks we gossip about, and we never gossip about the  
folk for whom we pray!

*Leonard Ravenhill*

Have you ever learned the beautiful art of letting God take care of you and  
giving all your thought and strength to pray for others and for the kingdom  
of God? It will relieve you of a thousand cares.

*A. B. Simpson*

There is no greater intimacy with another than that which is built through  
holding him or her up in prayer.

*Douglas Steere*

To pray is to change. This is a great grace. How good of God to provide a  
path whereby our lives can be taken over by love and joy and peace and  
patience and kindness and goodness and faithfulness and gentleness and  
self-control.

*Richard J. Foster*

Oh, men and women, pray through; pray through! Do not just begin to pray  
and pray a little while and throw up your hands and quit, but pray and pray  
and pray until God bends the heavens and comes down!

*R. A. Torrey*

Whenever the insistence is on the point that God answers prayer, we are  
off the track. The meaning of prayer is that we get hold of God, not of the  
answer.

*Oswald Chambers*

In order to grow in grace, we must be much alone. It is not in society that the soul grows most vigorously. In one single quiet hour of prayer it will often make more progress than in days of company with others. It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air its purest.

*Horatius Bonar*

We can be tired, weary and emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power and strength.

*Charles Stanley*

A guest at a country house coming down to breakfast one morning was met by the child of the house, who running up to him and putting his hand in his, looked up into his face with a smile, saying, "I'm your friend now; I put you in my prayer last night!"

*Unknown*

I ought to pray before seeing anyone. Often when I sleep long, or meet with others early, it is eleven or twelve o'clock before I begin secret prayer. This is a wretched system. It is unscriptural. Christ arose before day and went into solitary place. David says: "Early will I seek thee; Thou shalt early hear my voice." Family prayer loses much of its power and sweetness, and I can do no good to those who come to seek from me. The conscience feels guilty, the soul unfed, the lamp not trimmed. Then when I secure prayer the soul is often out of tune. I feel it is far better to begin with God-to see his face first, to get my soul near him before it is near another.

*Robert Murray McCheyne*

Prayer crowns God with the honor and glory due to His name, and God crowns prayer with assurance and comfort. The most praying souls are the most assured souls.

*Thomas Brooks*

The desire for solitude is often the first sign of prayer.

*Henri Nouwen*

Perfect prayer is only another name for love.

*François Fénelon*

We impoverish God in our minds when we say there must be answers to our prayers on the material plane; the biggest answers to our prayers are in the realm of the unseen.

*Oswald Chambers*

I thank Thee first because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse they did not take my life; third, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed.

*Matthew Henry, on the night he was robbed, he prayed this prayer*

Faith gathers strength by waiting and praying.

*E. M. Bounds*

Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one's heart. It means rather to find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the heart is full or empty.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Our prayer will be most like the prayer of Christ if we do not ask God to show us what is going to be, or to make any particular thing happen, but only pray that we may be faithful in whatever happens.

*Father Andrew*

Prayerless people cut themselves off from God's prevailing power, and the frequent result is the familiar feeling of being overwhelmed, overrun, beaten down, pushed around, defeated. Surprising numbers of people are willing to settle for lives like that.

*Bill Hybels*

He prays well who is so absorbed with God that he does not know he is praying.

*Francois de Sales*

There is a story about trust in God's promises that comes from F. W. Boreham. Boreham tells about an episode during the early days of his ministry in Australia. He went to call on one of his elderly parishioners. Entering the room where the old man lay, he noticed a chair pulled up beside the man's bed. "I see that I am not your first visitor today," said Boreham. The old man then began to explain the presence of the empty chair. He said that when he was a small boy, he had difficulty praying. His pastor suggested that he overcome this difficulty by placing an empty chair in front of himself when he prayed, and by simply pretending that Jesus was sitting in that chair like an attentive friend. He said he had maintained that habit ever since. Boreham left the house a short while later. A few days later, however, the man's daughter came to tell him that he was dead. "I was out of the room only for a short time," said the daughter. "When I returned, he was gone. There was no change in him except I noticed that his hand was on the chair."

*Unknown*

Let us see God before man every day.

*Robert Murray M'Cheyne*

Since you are tempted without ceasing, pray without ceasing.

*Charles Spurgeon*

Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength.

*J. Hudson Taylor*

The devil enjoys hearing a prayer that is addressed to an audience.

*Unknown*

The greatest element in life is not what occupies most of its time, else sleep would stand high in the scale. Nor is it what engrosses most of its thought, else money would be very high. The two or three hours of worship and preaching weekly has perhaps been the greatest signal influence on English life. Half an hour of prayer, morning or evening, every day, may be a greater element in shaping our course than all our conduct and all our thought.

*P. T. Forsyth*

We do the praying but not the waiting. Let us not be afraid to be silent before Him thinking it is wasted time.

*John Wright Follett*

God never denied that soul anything that went as far as heaven to ask it.

*John Trapp*

Let me burn out for God. After all, whatever God may appoint, prayer is the great thing. Oh, that I may be a man of prayer!

*Henry Martyn*

The greatest good and the most profitable gain come when we are up against a blank wall. Then we learn to pray in plain language.

*Arthur Lynip*

No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere.

*Leonard Ravenhill*

Prayer is necessary because everything else is an illusion.

*John Garvey*

What isn't won in prayer first, is never won at all.

*Malcolm Cronk*

Prayer in the sense of petition, asking for things, is a small part of it; confession and penitence are its threshold, adoration its sanctuary, the presence and vision and enjoyment of God its bread and wine.

*C. S. Lewis*

The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer.  
The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer.  
The warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer.

*Carlo Carretto*

God insists that we ask, not because He needs to know our situation, but because we need the spiritual discipline of asking.

*Catherine Marshall*

A single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.

*Gotthold Ephraim Lessing*

Do not let us fail one another in interest, care and practical help; but supremely we must not fail one another in prayer.

*Michael Baughen*

To live in prayer together is to walk in love together.

*Margaret Moore Jacobs*

Prayer is aspiration. The self-satisfied disregard it. They who reach for higher things find it a necessity.

Prayer is a discipline. They who seek meaning and purpose in life discover it a wise teacher.

Prayer is an art. We perfect it through practice.

Gradually, the interval between prayer and deed diminishes-until, at last, all life becomes a sanctuary.

*Alvin Fine*

It is very proper for friends, when they part, to part with prayer.

*Matthew Henry*

I need the opportunity to free my mind of sorrow, personal concerns; to see my world through the mirrored reflection of holiness. I need a time of prayer to leap beyond what is limiting in me as a person, to rediscover what is important and what is trivial, to take counsel with what my tradition stresses as the living faith. I need prayer.

*Albert Silverman*

If Christ Himself needed to retire from time to time to the mountain-top to pray, lesser men need not be ashamed to acknowledge that necessity.

*B. H. Streeter*

God is perfect love and perfect wisdom. We do not pray in order to change His Will, but to bring our wills into harmony with His.

*William Temple*

An enemy is a danger, but the danger is not what he can do to you. It is what he makes you do. If he fills you with envy, malice, hatred and all uncharitableness, he has done you real harm. But you can prevent that. Pray for him. If you say you cannot trust him, then watch and pray. But you cannot hate a man you pray for.

*E. S. Waterhouse*

Prayer of a soldier; "Oh, Lord, don't let nothin' get hold of me that you and me can't handle!"

*Unknown*

The Church has not yet touched the fringe of the possibilities of intercessory prayer. Her largest victories will be witnessed when individual Christians everywhere come to recognize their priesthood unto God and day by day give themselves onto prayer.

*John Mott*

God has one Son who lived without sin, but he has no Son who lived without prayer.

*Unknown*

Never give up praying until the answer comes.

*George Muller*

Jesus himself has shown us by his own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil.

*Pope John Paul II*

God does not stand afar off as I struggle to speak. He cares enough to listen with more than casual attention. He translates my scrubby words and hears what is truly inside. He hears my sighs and uncertain gropings as fine prose.

*Timothy Jones*

Deepest communion with God is beyond words, on the other side of silence.

*Madeleine L'Engle*

If you can't pray a door open, don't pry it open.

*Lyell Rader*

Prayer is a choice. For us to pray to give thanks, or to voice our questions and doubts shows that we are choosing to leave an opening in our spirits. Without this opening, there is no vessel, no place into which God can breathe.

*Joanna Laufer*

We don't pray to get God's attention. We pray to turn our attention toward him.

*Christopher Knippers*

When you pray, you open yourself to the influence of the power which has revealed itself as love. The power gives you freedom and independence. Once touched by this power, you are no longer swayed back and forth by the countless opinions, ideas, and feelings which flow through you. You have found a center for your life that gives you a creative distance so that everything you see, hear, and feel can be tested against the source.

*Henri Nouwen*

The fewer words, the better prayer.

*Martin Luther*

Now, boys, remember one thing: do not make long prayers; always remember that the Lord knows something.

*A speaker addressing a graduating class at a theological seminary in Tennessee.*

You have done everything you know to do to bring it to pass, and now it has brought you to your knees and you are desperate. You have finally arrived in the ultimate posture of worship- desperate despondency!

*Tommy Tenney*

Avail yourself of the greatest privilege [prayer] this side of heaven. Jesus Christ died to make this communion and communication with the Father possible.

*Billy Graham*

We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.

*Oswald Chambers*

The value of prayer is not that He will hear us...but that we will finally hear Him.

*William McGill*

Prayer is an end to isolation. It is living our daily life with someone; with Him who alone can deliver us from solitude.

*Georges Lefevre*

God's ultimate will is unchanging, but the way in which he chooses to realize this will is dependent on the prayers of his children. He wants us as covenant partners, not as automatons or slaves.

*Donald Bloesch*

Lord, the Scripture says: "There is a time for silence and a time for speech." Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God.

*Frankfurt prayer from the sixteenth century*

I count all that part of my life lost which I spent not in communion with God or in doing good.

*John Donne*

More prayer, more exercise of faith, more patient waiting, and the result will be blessing, abundant blessing. Thus I have found it many hundreds of times, and therefore I continually say to myself, "Hope thou in God."

*George Mueller*

Silence is not much preached today, so it is for prayer to preach it. If we do not listen we do not come to the truth. If we do not pray we do not even get as far as listening. The four things go together: silence, listening, prayer, truth.

*Hubert van Zeller*

If something is big enough to worry about...it's big enough to pray about.

*Unknown*

Every part of our Lord's life was centered and guided by His continuing communication with the Father.

*Henry Blackaby*

Remember who your ruler is. Don't forget His daily briefing.

*Carl F. H. Henry*

Prayer covers the whole of a man's life. There is no thought, feeling, yearning, or desire, however low, trifling, or vulgar we may deem it, which, if it affects our real interest or happiness, we may not lay before God and be sure of His sympathy. His nature is such that our often coming does not tire Him. The whole burden of the whole life of every man may be rolled on to God and not weary Him, though it has wearied the man.

*Henry W. Beecher*

The great gift of God in prayer is Himself.

*Maxie Dunnam*

It is well to let prayer be the first employment in the early morning and the last in the evening. Avoid diligently those false and deceptive thoughts which say, "wait a little, I will pray an hour hence; I must perform this or that." For such thoughts a man quits prayer for business, which lays hold of and entangles him so that he comes not to pray the whole day long.

*Martin Luther*

The purpose of prayer is not primarily to move the hand of God but rather to hold the hand of God.

*Jon Courson*

I am deeply convinced that the necessity to pray, and to pray unceasingly, is not so much based on our desire for God as on God's desire for us. It is God's passionate pursuit of us that calls us to prayer. Prayer comes from God's initiative, not ours.

*Henri Nouwen*

No man can hinder our private addresses to God; every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his heart the sacrifice, and the earth he treads on, the altar.

*Jeremy Taylor*

What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer?

*Thomas Merton*

When the dream in our heart is one that God has planted there, a strange happiness flows into us. At that moment all of the spiritual resources of the universe are released to help us. Our praying is then at one with the will of God and becomes a channel for the Creator's always joyous, triumphant purposes for us and our world.

*Catherine Marshall*

Two wings are necessary to lift our souls toward God: prayer and praise. Prayer asks. Praise accepts the answer.

*Lettie Cowman*

Among the voices that found their way into the carpentry shop in Nazareth was your voice. Your silent prayers uttered on tearstained pillows were heard before they were said. Your deepest questions about death and eternity were answered before they were asked. And your direst need for a Savior, was met before you ever sinned.

*Max Lucado*

It is well said that neglected prayer is the birth-place of all evil.

*Charles Spurgeon*

Your quiet time, your prayer time, the time you spend in the Word, is absolutely essential for a happy Christian life.

*Billy Graham*

When we pray it is far more important to pray with a sense of the greatness of God than with a sense of the greatness of the problem.

*Gordon S. Jackson*

I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.

*Dwight L. Moody*

Let the day have a blessed baptism by giving your first waking hours and thoughts into the bosom of God. The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.

*Henry Ward Beecher*

By prayer, the ability is secured to feel the law of love, to speak according to the law of love, and to do everything in harmony with the law of love.

*E. M. Bounds*

Secret, fervent, believing prayer lies at the root of all personal godliness.

*William Carey*

Perhaps one reason God delays his answer to our prayers is because He knows we need to be with Him far more than we need the things we ask of Him.

*Ben Patterson*

On every level of life, from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgment and all efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.

*Evelyn Underhill*

God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how elegant they may be; nor at the geometry of your prayers, how long they may be; nor at the arithmetic of your prayers, how many they may be; nor at the logic of your prayers, how methodical they may be; but the sincerity of them, he looks at.

*Thomas Brooks*

Those that think three meals a day little enough for the body ought much more to think three solemn prayers a day little enough for the soul, and to count it a pleasure, not a task.

*Matthew Henry*

When the appointed times of prayer were past, Brother Lawrence found no difference, because he still continued with God, praising and blessing Him with all his might, so that he passed his life in continual joy.

*Unknown*

A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But he prays because his soul is hungry for God.

*Leonard Ravenhill*

Prayer is my chief work; by it I carry on all else.

*William Law*

What can be more excellent than prayer; what is more profitable to our life; what sweeter to our souls; what more sublime, in the course of our whole life, than the practice of prayer!

*Augustine*

The greatest undertaking of George Muller was the orphanages in Bristol, England. He started with only two shillings (fifty cents), and without worry- or even letting anyone know the needs-fed and sheltered thousands of orphans. Many times, there was no food for the coming meal, but Mr. Muller didn't worry. He prayed to God and left his needs up to Him. In time, over \$7,000,000 was sent to him for the construction and maintenance of new orphanages. Food would often arrive on the doorstep just in time to feed everyone. What an awesome example of a life without worry.

*Kimberly Woodhouse*

Every day you have another opportunity to affect your future with the words you speak to God.

*Stormie Omartian*

Every day has exactly 1,440 minutes; can't you find even ten of them to be with your heavenly Father? Doesn't God deserve the best minutes of your day?

*Billy Graham*

Prayer allows a place for me to bring my doubts and complaints and subject them to the blinding light of reality I cannot comprehend but can haltingly learn to trust.

*Philip Yancey*

Whatever happens to you, never give up praying. It would be like giving up breathing.

*Henri Nouwen*

If you, O Servant of God, are upset, for any reason whatever, you should immediately rise up to prayer, and you should remain in the presence of the Most High Father for as long as it takes for Him to restore you to the joy of your salvation.

*Francis of Assisi*

Dear Jesus, how foolish of me to have called for human help when You are here.

*Corrie ten Boom*

When we ask God to do something for us, He generally wants to do something in us.

*Unknown*

Prayer shouldn't be casual or sporadic, dictated only by the needs of the moment. Prayer should be as much a part of our lives as breathing.

*Billy Graham*

Let prayer nourish your soul as your meals nourish your body. Let your prayer keep you in God's presence through the day, and His presence frequently remembered.

*E. M. Bounds*

I learned as never before that persistent calling upon the Lord breaks through every stronghold of the devil, for nothing is impossible with God. For Christians in these troubled times, there is simply no other way.

*Jim Cymbala*

Our hearts are much distressed and burdened, so we go to prayer and maybe spend much time pouring out our petitions before the throne. And too many times we get up immediately, rush out of His presence and often try to answer the prayer by some efforts of our own.

*John Wright Follett*

Pray and let God worry.

*Martin Luther*

You should pray every hour. The most necessary and the most difficult form of prayer is to remember—in spite of the numerous distractions of life—your obligations to God, to his law. You become scared, you become upset, you become embarrassed, you become too involved or distracted by something. But you should always remember who you are and what you should do. This is what a real prayer should be about. This is difficult in the beginning, but with time you can work and create this habit.

*Leo Tolstoy*

To pray is to expose ourselves to God as we do to heat or sunlight.

*Louis Evely*

The only certainties that don't break down are those acquired in prayer.

*Reinhold Schneider*

When you pray for anyone you tend to modify your personal attitude toward him.

*Norman Vincent Peale*

He prayed as he breathed, forming no words and making no specific requests, only holding in his heart, like broken birds in cupped hands, all those people who were in stress or grief.

*Ellis Peters*

Those who turn care into prayer find God turning midnight into music.

*Unknown*

The idea that everything would happen exactly as it does regardless of whether we pray or not haunts the minds of many who sincerely profess belief in God. It makes prayer psychologically impossible, replacing it with dead ritual at best.

*Dallas Willard*

To pray only when in peril is to use safety belts only in heavy traffic.

*Corrie ten Boom*

The most simple rule for good prayer is honesty and humility. One can never go wrong with those two. Talk honestly to God. Don't give God the self you think you're supposed to be. Give God yourself in your nakedness, who you really are, even if that means giving God your anger or distractions.

*Richard Rohr*

The prayer is more important sometimes than the answer.

*Mark Savage*

I ask Him daily and often momentarily to give me wisdom, understanding and bodily strength to do His will, hence I am asking and receiving all the time.

*George Washington Carver*

Prayer is not a stratagem for occasional use, a refuge to resort to now and then. It is rather like an established residence for the innermost self. All things have a home: the bird has a nest, the fox has a hole, the bee has a hive. A soul without prayer is a soul without a home.

*Abraham Joshua Heschel*

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

*Victor Hugo*

Many of us have inherited great riches from our parents—the bank account of personal faith and family prayers.

*Nels F. S. Ferre*

You can do more than praying after you have prayed. You can never do more than praying before you have prayed.

*Corrie ten Boom*

We have to pray long, but with few words.

*Louis Evely*

In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.

*Mother Teresa*

God says we don't need to be anxious about anything; we just need to pray about everything.

*Stormie Omartian*

By fasting, the body learns to obey the soul; by praying, the soul learns to command the body.

*William Secker*

God is our true Friend, who always gives us the counsel and comfort we need. Our danger lies in resisting Him; so it is essential that we acquire the habit of hearkening to His voice, or keeping silence within, and listening so as to lose nothing of what He says to us. We know well enough how to keep outward silence, and to hush our spoken words, but we know little of interior silence. It consists in hushing our idle, restless, wandering imagination, in quieting the promptings of our worldly minds, and in suppressing the crowd of unprofitable thoughts which excite and disturb the soul.

*Francois Fenelon*

You can't defeat a praying man. He finds his answers everywhere he looks.

*Margaret Lee Runbeck*

Prayer may not change all things for you, but it sure changes you for all things.

*John Mason*

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

*Max Lucado*

When you meditate, imagine that Jesus Christ in person is about to talk to you about the most important thing in the world. Give him your complete attention.

*Francois Fenelon*

To approach God requires neither art nor science, but only a heart resolutely determined to apply itself to nothing but Him, or for His sake, and to love Him only.

*Brother Lawrence*

Only God can move mountains, but faith and prayer can move God.

*E. M. Bounds*

True prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.

*Charles Spurgeon*

Learn to pray to God in such a way that you are trusting Him as your Physician to do what He knows is best. Confess to Him the disease, and let Him choose the remedy.

*Augustine*

I firmly believe a great many prayers are not answered because we are not willing to forgive someone.

*D. L. Moody*

Get into the habit of dealing with God about everything. Unless, in the first waking moment of the day you learn to fling the door wide back and let God in, you will work on a wrong level all day. But, swing the door wide open and pray to your Father in secret, and every public thing will be stamped with the presence of God.

*Oswald Chambers*

The ruins of my soul repair-and make my heart a place of prayer.

*Charles Wesley*

I cannot tell why there should come to me a thought of someone miles and miles away, in swift insistence on the memory; unless there be a need that I should pray.

*Unknown*

God will save your family because of your prayers, if you stand in faith.

*Dwight Thompson*

My determination is to transfer this habit of worry into an instant moment of prayer and leaving it with God.

*Charles Swindoll*

Every day is a good day if you pray.

*Norman Vincent Peale*

A true prayer is an inventory of needs, a catalog of necessities, an exposure of secret wounds, a revelation of hidden poverty.

*Charles Spurgeon*

Prayer is a principal means for opening oneself to the power and love of God that is already there—in the depths of reality.

*James A. Pike*

Prayer is not our most natural response to the world. Left to our own impulses, we will always want to do something else before we pray.

*Henri Nouwen*

There's absolutely nothing you're tempted to worry about that you won't be better off talking to God about instead.

*Greg Laurie*

When you pray, you are not starting the conversation from scratch, you are just remembering to plug back into a conversation that's always in progress.

*Anne Lamott*

So too with prayer in the name of Jesus, Jesus assumes the responsibility and all the consequences. He steps forward for us, steps into the place of the person praying.

*Soren Kierkegaard*

Prayer may not get us what we want, but it will teach us to want what we need.

*Vance Havner*

The prayer of the heart is the source of all good, which refreshes the soul as if it were a garden.

*Gregory of Sinai*

Our prayers become part of God's plan and will.

*Maxie Dunnam*

The more I read and pray, the more I want to read and pray. The less I read and pray, the less I want to read and pray.

*Ed Dobson*

How you pray about a conflict is a good indication of where your heart is in relation to both the situation and the specific people involved.

*Mary Albert Darling*

Prayer is getting into perfect communion with God.

*Oswald Chambers*

We ought to act with God in the greatest simplicity, speaking to Him frankly and plainly, and imploring His assistance in our affairs, just as they happen.

*Brother Lawrence*

The answer to prayer is slow; the force of prayer is cumulative. Not until life is over is the whole answer given and the whole strength understood.

*Stopford Brooke*

Prayer can do anything God can do.

*E. M. Bounds*

So often we pray and then fret anxiously, waiting for God to hurry up and do something. All the while God is waiting for us to calm down, so He can do something through us.

*Corrie ten Boom*

We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word, and we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

I have found silence to be a powerful element in prayer. To learn to be alone with God even in the presence of others is something we Christians should try to do. There are innumerable times during the day when we can turn our thoughts, even for a moment, from business affairs and center them on God's goodness, Christ's love, our fellow man's needs.

*J. C. Penney*

What a man is on his knees before God, that he is— and nothing more.

*Robert McCheyne*

I have so many things to do today, I dare not ignore my time with God.

*Martin Luther*

Prayer is the sum of our relationship with God. We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. Our ability to love is our ability to pray.

*Carlo Carretto*

Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.

*Billy Graham*