

The basics of prayer for individuals, groups and the human race

1 Tim 2:1 **I exhort first of all that requests** (made through) **prayers** (to God, in the form of) **intercessions** (for others), **and giving of thanks** (both for answered prayer and, for those prayed for) **be made for all people.**

3 **Because this is good and pleases God our Savior** (from sin), TEV

4 **Who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth.** TEV

1. Whose prayer for others will God hear and answer? The righteous, freed from sin:

1 Pet 3:12 **...The righteous, the Lord's ears are open to their prayers...** (why?)

Ps 66:18 **If I regard sin in my heart, The Lord will not** (can't) **hear** (my prayer).

Rom 6:18 AMP **Having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of Righteousness, conforming to God's will in thought, purpose, and action.**

2. My prayer for others must be a God willed prayer – given to me by the Holy Spirit:

1 Jo 5:14-15 **This is the assurance that we have in God, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. If we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.**

Rom 8:27 **The Holy Spirit knows what the will of God is, and He sees that these intercessions (by us) are according to His will...** Hayford

3. In order to be led by God's Spirit in prayer, I must be talking with Him in my spirit:

1 Cor 2:11 **...No one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**

1 Cor 2:14 **...God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion** (conversation) MSGE

Jo 15:5 (Jesus)...**Because without Me** (by My Spirit) **you can do nothing** (in prayer).

4. To answer prayer God needs faith, from Him, in the certainty of our prayer for others

Mat 21:22 (Jesus) **Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.**

Jam 5:15 **And the prayer of faith will save...**(others)

Heb 11:6 **Without faith it is impossible to please God** (why? Because He can't righteously answer prayer without it, in a world that is ruled by Satan; so)

Mark 11:22 (Jesus says)...**Have the faith of God** (how?); YLT

Rom 10:8-17 (Hear with your heart)...**the word of faith...for faith comes by hearing**

2 Cor 4:13 (Be led in your spirit by)...**The same** (Holy) **Spirit of faith...**

Heb 12:2 **Looking to Jesus** (Who, when we know Him in the spirit, is both God's Word and God's Spirit), **the only source and increaser of our faith...**

Heb 11:1 **Faith is the certainty of things hoped for the proof of things not seen.**

Does God need us to keep on believing His promises to us for another, regardless of how they currently act, in order to fulfill those promises?

Gal 4:19 **My little children, for whom I labor in birth again** (in intercessory, believing, persistent prayer) **until Christ is formed in you,**

Ps 2:8 **Ask of Me, and I will give You The heathen for Your inheritance...**
KJV

Jam 1:6 **But let him ask in faith, with no** (heart) **doubting** (despite head doubts)...

Jam 2:20 **Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works** (actions and words that are consistent with that faith) **is useless?**
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Jam 5:15 **And the prayer of faith will save the** (spiritually) **sick,**

But that person has a free will don't they? Yes, but God changes a person's will. The reluctant friend yielded to unwavering faith. The unjust judge was wearied by persistent insistent faith. You and I, once the enemies of God, are now His devoted children. God doesn't give us a promise concerning someone that He foreknows won't be fulfilled. No, He gives us a promise that He foreknows will be fulfilled, if we won't abandon our faith in His promise by speaking and acting in ways that are contrary to it.

John 15:7 (Jesus) **If you live in Me, and My words** (My promises to you for another)

live in you, you will ask what you desire, and it will be done for you.

Heb 10:36 **For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will**

of God, you will receive the promise:

2 Cor 5:7 **For we walk by faith** (in what God told us), **not by sight** (of how they act).

If we are not yet fully trusting the words God speaks to us concerning ourselves, what possibility is there that we will fully trust, and not drop, what He says to us about another? But if we do live by faith, a Holy Spirit breathed promise to us for someone, who is unconverted or has gone astray, that promise cannot be broken. If, our hearts take a hold of it and refuse, absolutely refuse, to turn it loose, until it comes to pass.

John 10:35 **...And the Scripture cannot be broken,**

Josh 21:45 **Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel** (and to a Christian, the new Israel). **All came to pass.**

Isa 35:10 **And the redeemed of the LORD will return, And come to Zion...**

Jer 31:16 **...For your work** (of believing prayer) **will be rewarded, says the LORD,**

And they will come back from the land of the enemy.

Hab 2:3 **For the vision** (the fulfillment of the promise) **is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not be late.**