



PRAYER: THE KEY TO REAL SPIRITUAL POWER

Text: “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,”

Jude 1:20 ESV

Intro:

1. Prayer is a **Portal**.
 - It is a gateway into the supernatural.
2. Prayer is a **Privilege**
 - It is through prayer that we are given the unique opportunity to communicate personally with the God of the universe. This is an honor that we should not take lightly.
3. Prayer is full of **Possibilities**
 - This comes through faith, and praying in the Spirit.

Prayer is communication mental or oral with God the FATHER in the name of Jesus the SON with the assistance of the HOLY SPIRIT! -

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1. Communication with the Father
 - Your concept of God determines how you approach him and what you receive from him
2. In the Name of Jesus
 - We are authorized to pray by:
 1. His intercession
 2. submission to his will
 3. accepting his authority

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we

have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

1 John 5:13-15 NIV

3. With assistance from Holy Spirit

Here is the secret of prevailing prayer, to pray under a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit, whose petitions for us and through us are always according to the Divine purpose, and hence certain of answer.” J Oswald Sanders

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.”

Ephesians 6:18 NLT

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I) What Praying In The Spirit Is Not:

- A. Emotionalism
- B. Stoicism
- C. Physical manifestation

Sometimes, the Holy Spirit may want to pray through you in a language that He and the Father know, but you don't. Paul calls this praying in tongues, or glossolalia. In some places, it is translated "to speak in strange sounds" because any language that we don't understand is strange sounds to us.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.”

I Corinthians 13:1 NKJV

II) Praying In The Holy Spirit

A. Praying in the spirit means to pray in harmony with God's word

There is an inseparable union between the spirit the word and prayer

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- Second Peter 1:21 tells just that the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”

II Timothy 3:16 NKJV

- People who are strong in prayer our great students on the Word

B. Praying in the Holy Spirit means to pray in harmony with the will of God

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.”

Romans 8:26-27 NLT

C. Praying in the spirit is praying with divine help

“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”

I Corinthians 2:9-12 NKJV

- The Holy Spirit moves us from ignorance into revelation
- It is revelation that unlocks doors and initiates new seasons

D. Praying in the spirit is praying in Holy Spirit's presence and power

- When you pray Holy Spirit is there with you
- Therefore His power is available to you

“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalms 16:11 NKJV

- God wants us to be conduit's for the kingdom of heaven to come to earth