



POWERFUL PRAYING!

James 5:16-18

Message: Prayer can be very effective and powerful in and through our lives.

I. PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS

John 14:13; John 14:14

II. PRAY IN THE WILL OF GOD

I John 5:14; I John 5:15

II. PRAY IN FAITH/BELIEVING

Matthew 21:22; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6

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IV. PRAY WITH EARNESTNESS

James 5:16-18 (NKJV)

- ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.
- ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Acts 12:5 (NKJV)

- ⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

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V. PRAY WITH PERSISTENCE

Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV)

- ⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 18:1-5 (NKJV)

- ¹ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³ Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ ⁴ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵ yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ”