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When Ye Pray

by Flo Shaw



"When ye pray" is mentioned three times in the King James Version of the Bible and in each instance, this exact phrase is spoken from the lips of Jesus Himself. Such emphatic words originating from Christ illustrate His perspective on the value and importance of prayer. In all of these following cases, Jesus provides guidance for effective prayer.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matthew 6:7).

"Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

"And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth" (Luke 11:2).

Jesus did not say, "if" ye pray, but He said, "when" ye pray, which indicates that He expects you to pray. And "When" you do pray, you should have principle, passion, and a pattern. Following are ten key phrase, acronym attributes, with accompanying scriptures, which will enhance your prayer life when ye pray.

When Ye Pray . . .

Wait...on God as He desires. (Micah 7:7)

Hear...the voice of God. (Psalm 95:7)

Entreat...God for prayer requests. (Psalm 119:154)

Name...specific needs. (Matthew 21:22)

Yield...to the Spirit of God. (Acts 6:4)

Expect...God to intervene. (Psalm 62:5)

Persevere...until you break through. (Luke 11:8)

Receive...all that God wants to give. (Mark 11:24)

Allow...God to have the preeminence. (Matthew 6:10)

Yearn...for more of God and to know Him. (Philippians 3:10)

Jesus instructs how not to pray and then encourages us to pray. Don't be a part-time Christian who wants a full-time God. "Prayer is to the soul what oxygen is to the body." It is a lifestyle. We must allow a prayer anointing to flow. Having talent will turn *heads*, but having anointing will turn *hearts*.

God sends no one away "empty" except those who are "full" of themselves. -Dwight L. Moody

When ye pray, intercede for someone else. Prayer made a difference while employed as a research chemist when I developed two benign tumors located on my upper left shoulder/lower right back. I entered a dark church prayer room. Unknowing of my diagnosis, a Spirit-led intercessor, Alice Woodrow, upon first contact, laid her hands only on those two tumors and interceded for several minutes. When she removed her hands, the tumors had completely disappeared. This healing miracle was medically documented. Praise God!

When ye pray . . . all things are possible according to the will, way, and Word of God (I John 5:14-15).

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Your Power is on Your Knees

by Jena Grech



During school holiday time, a few of my friends and I who had children around the same age would get together. The kids would play; one of my friends would bring her guitar, and we would spend time in worship and prayer. I treasure the memories of those days.

During the last prayer time we had together, my friend turned to me and said, "Jena, your power is on your knees." Within a few weeks, she suddenly passed from a virus that attacked the fiber of her heart. That was over twenty years ago now, but I still remember her words to me . . . "your power is on your knees."

Over the years, my posture of prayer has changed, not as much kneeling but more sitting and pacing. Getting older (not old) means it's hard on the body when you kneel for too long. Thankfully, my prayer life has changed too. The experiences of life, both the highs and lows, have taught me that inviting the Lord into every situation and praying for God's intervention/direction is the greatest and wisest thing I could do. "Be anxious for nothing but in *everything* by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

Ladies, our power comes from God. Our strength comes from His presence. Our steps are guided by His word and His Spirit. But it doesn't happen automatically when you give your life to Jesus. It doesn't happen automatically because you go to church every Sunday or live a Christian lifestyle. Prayer is an intentional act of our faith. Reading and choosing to obey God's Word is an intentional act of our faith.

Jesus specifically said in Matthew 6:7 and Mark 11:24, "when you pray." That means prayer needs to be part of our everyday life.

When my children were younger, many times, I went "over their head" and prayed, seeking God's intervention in their life. They would be mortified if they knew some of the things I prayed, but they were the desperate prayers of a mother for her children. These were prayers between me and the One I knew had the power to direct their steps in the right direction. Fight your battles on your knees.

Having an audience with the King of Kings is the greatest privilege you and I have been given. Yet sadly, so many times demands of family, careers, and even busyness in the kingdom of God, result in us forgoing prayer and communion with the lover of our soul.

Let our legacy be that we are remembered as a person of prayer rather than as a great singer, musician, wife, mother, teacher, preacher, cook, or leader. There is nothing wrong with any of these things, but what do you want your legacy to be? Let us live our lives and let our actions demonstrate that we believe our power comes from God while on our knees.

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Praying for Those on Their Wilderness Walk

By Bethany Gadd



Many of us are praying for precious children who belong to the Lord but, for some reason, are on their wilderness meander. We who believe, like Joshua and Caleb, are walking that journey alongside them. At times, the Spirit of the Lord speaks with authority through our mouths.

In John 11:43-44 (NKJV) we read, “Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth!’ And he who had died came out, bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Loose him, and let him go.’”

Jesus didn’t ask, didn’t pray for Lazarus to be brought back to life; He simply declared and commanded him to “Come forth!”

There are times to pray and times to ask favors and mercy of God.

But there is a time to *declare*! A time to *command* someone to “Come forth!” When you become active in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and you feel that authority come upon you, don’t be surprised if words of declaration come out of your mouth. Imperative words for something to “Be still!” or someone to “Be loosed!” or to “Come forth and live!”

When Lazarus came forth from the grave, he was bound hand and foot with grave clothes. Even his face was tightly wrapped in a cloth. He couldn’t walk; he couldn’t move his arms. He could merely hobble or shuffle along. He couldn’t speak; he could hardly breathe. Others had to unwrap those binding cloths OFF from him, so that he could start to function as a living, walking, talking human being.

When souls first come to God, they may still have the clothes of death around them: stifling them, restricting their spiritual walk. We must unwrap those cloths that bind them so that they can breathe and start to function as a living soul, start to exercise their strength, and start to move, grow and achieve exploits.

Even when we ourselves transition to a new level of faith or ministry, we may become aware that there are old clothes that we need to remove. Swaddling clothes are great to wrap tightly around a baby to make him feel secure in this bright new world. But they must be removed for his limbs to extend, and before he can begin to walk and function fully like a little man.

Let us pray.

But then, let us declare.

And, in the anointing of the Holy Spirit, let us command and ordain that His “will be done on earth, as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

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