

Effective Prayer

Acts 12

CALIFORNIA NEEDS JESUS.

And it will take Californians praying fervently, giving generously, and serving courageously... because it will take all of us to reach our state for Christ.

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 1 Corinthians 3:8 (CSB)

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

Prayer as D_____

We just need to have enough faith for God to respond to our every desire. (Not)

Prayer i_____ submission

God already has everything mapped out in advance. Prayer is simply my yielding of my will to His predetermined plan. (Not)

Prayer is C_____ with God's Purpose.

Prayer is our teaming up with the power of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, Ephesians 3:20

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"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:19-20

Prayer in harmony and unity is effective.

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Prayer with intensity is effective.

[Jesus] *And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Matthew 6:7*

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Acts 12:6

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippian 4:6-7***

*He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. **Psalms 121:3-4***

*Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. **Acts 12:7***

*I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. **Isaiah 62:6***

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. **Hebrews 13:2***

*Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." **Acts 12:11***

*In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed. **Acts 12:18-19***

***God does intervene in the affairs of men.
He responds to the intense petitions of His people.***

God answers prayer.

*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 5:14-15***

God answers prayerd _____.

God answers prayer dramatically, but not very o_____.

**God answers prayer dramatically, but usually just in q_____ ways
of strengthening His people that many never see.**

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **Romans 10:9-10***

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