

Pray, Pray, Pray

Does your prayer life feel a little stale? Do you find yourself saying the same things, asking for the same needs, praying over the same situations? Or do you ever sit down, hoping to get closer to God, and find yourself getting closer to dreamland instead? Prayer is a powerful privilege given to Christians, but we often struggle to know how to make it a part of our daily lives. Why is that? It's not that we don't realize prayer is important - we know it is! So, what's the issue?

Prayer doesn't have to be lengthy or complicated. Prayer is not meant to be a public performance; it is about connecting with God. Our skill & sophistication don't matter, because we don't put our confidence in the power of our prayers... our confidence is in the power of God! Our Heavenly Father is bigger than any situation we will encounter - no matter how painful, or scary, or uncertain it may seem in the moment. So, no matter what you are doing ~ **PRAY** first!

P - Praise - praise God for who He is & what He is already doing in your life.

R - Repent - confess your sins & ask for God's forgiveness.

A - Ask - make your requests known, for yourself & others you are praying for. Be personal & specific.

Y - Yes! - Let your prayers be accentuated with Scripture. There is nothing more powerful than praying God's own Word. *Even at the mention of His name, the enemy buckles in defeat!*

"So, Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'"
Mark 11:22-24

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
Matthew 21:22

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 5:14

An example of how God recently answered someone's prayer.

A chaplain was working with someone who was not actively living a life of faith. Together they had to make a difficult phone call regarding a financial situation. The chaplain said a prayer in front of this person before dialing the phone – first because he knew it was the right thing to do, but secondly as an example to this person, to show that prayer is important. The chaplain prayed for God's guidance & direction, and that the person answering their call would be filled with grace. They made the call and when the person answered they heard her say, "Hello, this is Grace. May I help you?" The phone conversation went extremely well and the situation was resolved. Afterwards the chaplain remarked, "you just cannot make these things up. To God be all glory, honor and praise!"