

The Power Of Prayer

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Acts 12:1 At that time King Herod caused terrible suffering for some members of the church. 2 He ordered soldiers to cut off the head of James, the brother of John. 3 When Herod saw that this pleased the Jewish people, he had Peter arrested during the Festival of Thin Bread. 4 He put Peter in jail and ordered four squads of soldiers to guard him. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after the festival. 5 While Peter was being kept in jail, the church never stopped praying to God for him.

Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was _____praying to God for him.

Prayer is our direct link to heaven.

1 - Prayer Brings Heaven's _____

† Suddenly an angel from the Lord appeared, and light flashed around in the cell. The angel poked Peter in the side and woke him up. Then he said, "Quick! Get up!" The chains fell off his hands - Acts 12:7

† Come near to God and He will come near to you... James 4:8

2 – Prayer Brings Heaven's _____

† Acts 12:7 the Lord appeared, and light flashed around in the cell
† John 1: 4-5 In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

3 – Prayer Brings Heaven's _____

† Acts 12:10 - they came to the iron gate to the city, it opened by itself.
† Ephesians 3:20 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

E.M. Bounds said - "Prayer breaks all bars, dissolves all chains, opens all prisons, and widens all straits by which God's saints have been held."

God's Word Challenges Us To Bring _____
to God in prayer.

† Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every

situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

A Result of prayer is _____

† Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God's Word Challenges Us To Pray _____
each other.

† James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. "

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

God's Word Challenges Us To Pray _____ at

† Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. "

† 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray continually.

John Bunyon said "Pray often; for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan."

EARNEST PRAYER IS PERSISTENT

† PUSH – Pray Until Something Happens

EARNEST PRAYER IS FAITH DRIVEN

EARNEST PRAYER IS PRAISE FILLED

† IT BRINGS THE FOCUS TO GOD

EARNEST PRAYER IS SURRENDERED TO GOD'S WILL

† Not my will but Your Will be done

EARNEST PRAYER IS CHRIST CENTERED