

# 28 Things That God Wants You To Pray For!



A word search of the New Testament for prayer terms such as “pray, prayed, prayers, intercede, intercession, supplication, ask, asked, etc.” unearthed the following 28 topics that God is asking us to pray for:

- 1) Our enemies and those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44)
- 2) God's honor, God's will and God's Kingdom (Matthew 6:9-10, 33)
- 3) Daily bread, provision (Matthew 6:11, Luke 11:3, 3John 1:2)
- 4) Forgiveness of sin (Matthew 6:12, 1 John 1:9) including the sins of others (Luke 23:34, 1 John 5:16)
- 5) Escape from hard testing, affliction and temptation (Matthew 6:13, 24:20, 26:41 James 5:13)
- 6) The blessing of little children (Matthew 19:13)
- 7) Healing (James 5:14-16, Acts 9:40, 28:18)
- 8) Deliverance from evil spirits (Matthew 17:21, Mark 9:29)
- 9) Acts of power that will glorify God (James 5:16-18)
- 10) Wisdom (James 1:5-8)
- 11) For Christians to be filled with God's love (John 17:26, Ephesians 3:14-21)
- 12) For believers to receive spiritual strength in the inner man (Ephesians 3:14-21, Colossians 1:9-12)
- 13) Spiritual understanding , revelation, knowledge of Christ (Ephesians 1:15-20, Philippians 1:9-11)
- 14) Knowledge of the will of God (Colossians 1:9-11, Philemon 1:4-6)
- 15) Impartation of the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13, Acts 8:15, 9:17) and spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:13)
- 16) The sanctification of believers (John 17:17-19)
- 17) That believers will 'do no evil' (2 Corinthians 13:7)
- 18) The perfection of believers (2 Corinthians 13:9, Colossians 4:12)
- 19) Fulfillment of the spiritual calling on a Church, with power (2 Thessalonians 1:11,12)

- 20) The unity of believers (John 17:20-23)
- 21) Opportunities for gospel ministry (Romans 1:10, Colossians 4:2-4, 2 Thessalonians 3:1)
- 22) Boldness in ministry (Acts 4:24-31, Ephesians 6:19)
- 23) Laborers for the Harvest (Matthew 9:38, Luke 10:2)
- 24) The selection of leaders to be sent out (Luke 6:12,13; Acts 13:1-4, 14:23)
- 25) Deliverance of God's servants from danger (Acts 12:5, Romans 15:30,31; 2 Thessalonians 3:2)
- 26) The salvation of certain ethnic groups – such as the Jews (Romans 10:1)
- 27) The salvation of leaders and those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- 28) What we need in order to glorify the Lord: Any 'good thing' / in Jesus' Name / in accordance with God's will (Matthew 7:11, 21:21,22; Mark 11:24, John 14:13,14; 15:7,16; 16:23,24, 1 John 3:22, 5:14,15)

All of the above prayer points involve us cooperating with God's divine agenda. For instance, God wants laborers in the harvest so the nations can be won to Christ and we are to pray for it. And God wants Christians to grow in sanctification and knowledge of His will – and we are to pray for it. It seems that when God wants something done on earth He asks His saints to go to prayer!

It is very important that we pray for the right things. Many people receive nothing from the Lord because they are praying for their own lusts and desires (James 4:3) or out of anger and wrath (1 Timothy 2:8) or out of doubt and unbelief (James 1:5-8).

However if we pray for righteous things then God is swift to answer, for the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16, 1 Peter 3:12).

The 'anything you ask' passages were mostly given by Jesus to those involved in doing His will (such as the 11 apostles at the Last Supper after Judas had left). Once we are doing God's will the Heavens are opened to us. Our prayer life will take off once God's agenda becomes our agenda. Jesus has promised us that if we seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness then 'all these things' will be added unto us (Matthew 6:33).

Focus your prayer life on the 28 things that God most wants prayed for! Stop praying for parking spaces and start praying for nations, for your pastor, for your church and for the progress of the gospel. This will both change you for the better and also change the world for good – because God answers prayer!