

Come let us Grow Together: Praying always

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Mt 6:5-15)

It is of the utmost importance that you forgive everyone their trespasses against you or your heavenly Father will not forgive you of your trespasses. Furthermore if you are not forgiving of others trespasses against you and not repentive of your own sins and yet are asking God to bless your life and answer your prayers for the desires you have for your life while at the same time you are clearing rejecting and disregarding Him, you are not going to have your prayers answered.

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Eph 6:18-2) “Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thess 5:17)

As saints of God and followers of Christ we are to be “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”. We are to be praying always for one another and not only for the saints but also for the sinner that they would come to Jesus Christ and be saved.

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” (Jude 1:20-21) We are to be praying always, “building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost” while also keeping “yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” (Mt 21:21-22)

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (Jn 14:13-15)

If you expect your prayers to be heard and answered then you must forgive others their trespasses against you, be of a repentive heart yourself, and if you love Jesus Christ, keeping his commandments. Otherwise your prayers will continue to go unanswered.