

*"Men ought always  
to pray, and not to faint."*

*Grow in*

**GRACE**

*through Prayer 2*



1. Elijah praying for rain
2. The importunate widow
3. Christ praying in Gethsemane

**1 Kings 18:36–37 (KJV)** — 36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

**1 Kings 18:38 (KJV) — 38** Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

**1 Kings 18:42–43 (KJV)** — 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

**1 Kings 18:44-45 (KJV)** — 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

**1 Kings 18:46 (KJV)** — 46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

**Faith does not stop praying  
when the answer is delayed.**

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**Romans 12:12 (KJV)** — 12 Rejoicing in hope;  
patient in tribulation; *continuing instant* in prayer;

***continuing instant* = προσκαρτερέω (proskartereō)  
and it means to attend constantly:—continually.**

**“... to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty—‘to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in.’” (Louw Nida)**

**Colossians 4:2 (KJV) — 2 Continue**  
*(proskartereō)* in prayer, and watch in the  
same with thanksgiving;

**1 Peter 4:7 (KJV) — 7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

**Philippians 4:6 (KJV)** — 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

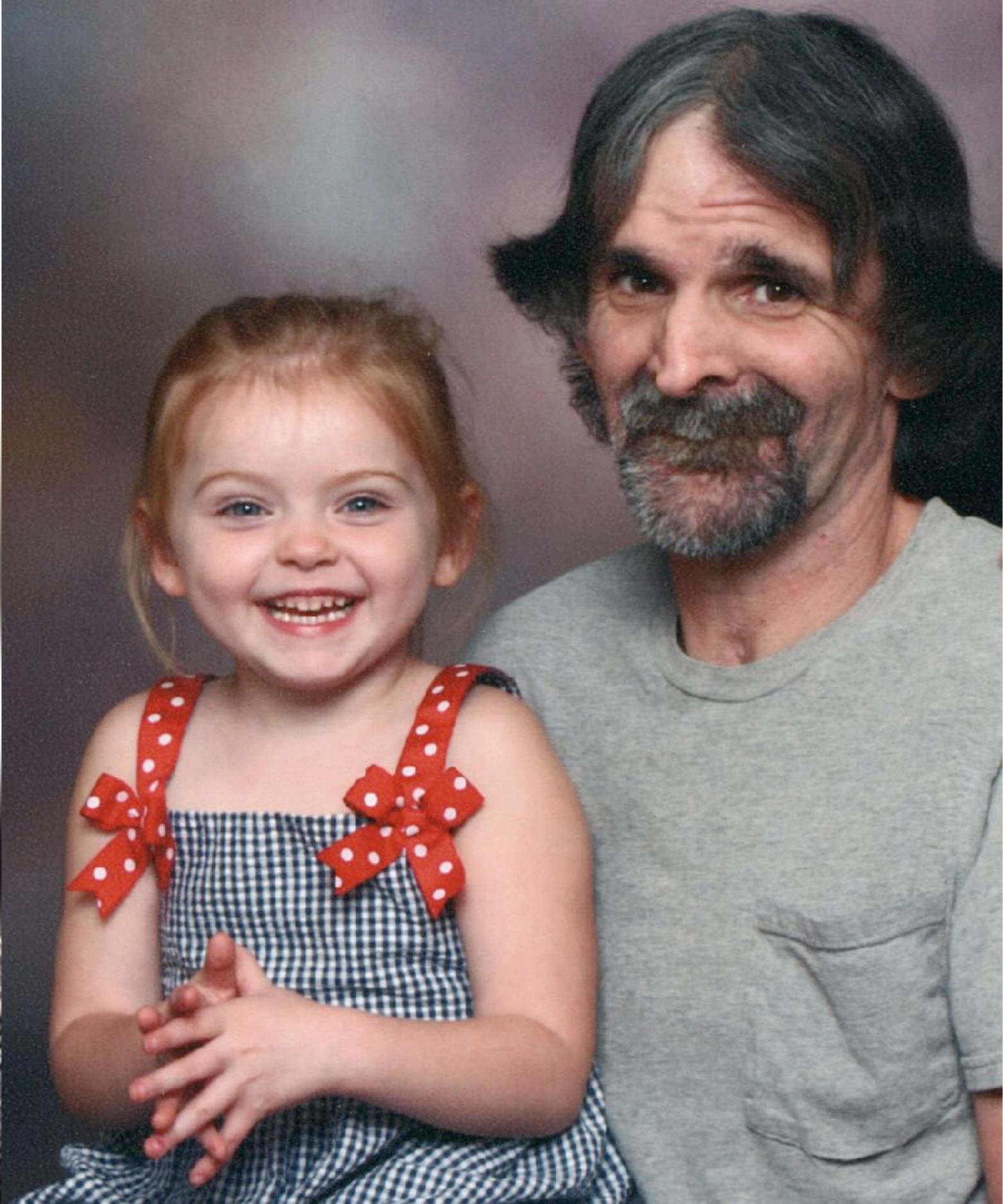
Unceasing prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 97.2)

**Luke 18:1-4 (KJV)** — 1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

**Luke 18:5-8 (KJV)** — 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?







**Matthew 26:36–38 (KJV)** — 36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

**Matthew 26:39–41 (KJV)** — 39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**Matthew 26:42-44 (KJV)** — 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Eric B. Hare



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The widow teaches us

**Pray when opposition discourages us.**

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Jesus teaches us

**Pray when the trial feels unbearable.**

