

"Pray without ceasing"

Grow in

GRACE

through the Word



**Psalm 122:6 (KJV) — 6 Pray for the peace of
Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.**

Galatians 4:24–26 (KJV) — 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is *Agar*. 25 For this *Agar* is mount Sinai in *Arabia*, and answereth to *Jerusalem* which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But *Jerusalem* which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Revelation 21:2 (KJV) — 2 And I John saw
the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down
from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband.

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 93.2)

Through nature and revelation, through His providence, and by the influence of His Spirit, God speaks to us. But these are not enough; we need also to pour out our hearts to Him.

In order to have spiritual life and energy, we must have actual relationship with our heavenly Father. Our minds may be drawn out toward Him; **we may meditate upon His works, His mercies, His blessings; but this is not, in the fullest sense, communing with Him.** In order to commune with God, we must have something to say to Him concerning our actual life. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 93.1)

- Prayer connects us with God
- Prayer gives power for victory
- Prayer changes lives and circumstances

James 4:8 (KJV) — 8 Draw nigh to God, and
he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your
hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye
double minded.

Psalm 145:18 (KJV) — 18 The LORD is nigh
unto all them that call upon him, to all that
call upon him in truth.

Matthew 6:6 (KJV) — 6 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.

Matthew 26:41 (KJV) — 41 Watch and pray,
that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit
indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Philippians 4:6–7 (KJV) — 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV) — 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:19 (KJV) — 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:57 (KJV) — 57 But thanks
be to God, which giveth us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 138:2 (KJV) — 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Ephesians 6:18–20 (KJV) — 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 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, 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

The lamp may be good and the
bulb fine, but without the power
the lamp is useless as a light.





James 5:16 (KJV) — 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

2 Chronicles 20:1–2 (KJV) — 1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazontamar, which is Engedi.

2 Chronicles 20:3–4 (KJV) — 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

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2 Chronicles 20:5–6 (KJV) — 5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, 6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

2 Chronicles 20:7–8 (KJV) — 7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,

2 Chronicles 20:9–10 (KJV) — 9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. 10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

2 Chronicles 20:11–12 (KJV) — 11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

Chronicles 20:13–14 (KJV) — 13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. 14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

2 Chronicles 20:15–16 (KJV) — 15 And he said,
Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith
the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by
reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not
yours, but God's. 16 To morrow go ye down against
them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and
ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the
wilderness of Jeruel.

2 Chronicles 20:17–18 (KJV) — 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you. 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

2 Chronicles 20:19–20 (KJV) — 19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high. 20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:21–22 (KJV) — 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

God does not mean that any of us should become hermits or monks and retire from the world in order to devote ourselves to acts of worship. The life must be like Christ's life—between the mountain and the multitude. **He who does nothing but pray will soon cease to pray, or his prayers will become a formal routine.**

When men take themselves out of social life, away from the sphere of Christian duty and cross bearing; when they cease to work earnestly for the Master, who worked earnestly for them, they lose the subject matter of prayer and have no incentive to devotion. Their prayers become personal and selfish. They cannot pray in regard to the wants of humanity or the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom, pleading for strength wherewith to work. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 101.1)

**Those who do not now exercise much
prayer will not know how to stand in
the time of trouble.**

Mark 1:35 (KJV) — 35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Luke 6:12 (KJV) — 12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

