

# Prayer That Works

✖ Read this if you don't want your prayer life to become mundane.

Everyone has a different preference when it comes to prayer and how he or she feels is the best way to connect with God. The important thing is that you don't want your prayer life to become mundane and never grow or change. You want it to be fresh, exciting and even explosive in the Spirit. We all want our prayers to be effective, and anyone who is full of the Spirit has the anointing to pray powerful prayers that produce miracles.

We can pray in such a way that our prayers just flow. We don't have to force them. They can even become prophetic—the heart of the Holy Spirit pouring out of our words and expressions.

Several years ago, we were praying at a prayer meeting in our church, asking the Lord to use the ministry more effectively to touch lives in our city. The Lord directed us to pray in such a way that our prayers would have “bull's-eye” accuracy.

We knew the Holy Spirit wanted to develop specific prayers that were going to be like instruments of warfare targeted toward building certain key parts of the church's vision. After that time of prayer, we were amazed at the number of breakthroughs

we  
experienced in our ministry.

As believers, we sometimes pray  
randomly, repeating things—not really thinking about what we  
are  
saying. To pray effectively, we must pray calculated prayers,  
with  
biblical, Spirit-led accuracy.

These kinds of prayers are like swords  
in the Spirit (see Is. 49:2-3). They shoot out, and something  
just  
“clicks” when you pray them. You know you hit the target and  
don’t walk  
away wondering if you received the answer.

James 5:16 tells us it is “effectual” prayer that avails much.  
*The Amplified Bible* says that is prayer that “makes tremendous  
power available.”

Effectual prayer is accurate, targeted prayer that is done  
with action. In the Greek, it is the word *energeo*, which means  
to be “efficient, full of energy, and to display working  
activity.”

In other words, when you hear someone pray with effectual  
prayer, you don’t have to wonder whether it’s working because  
there is  
energy behind it. You can sense and feel power on it.

One way to ensure you are praying  
prayers that work is to pray according to the Bible. Rather  
than just  
praying whatever you think, find out what God’s will is for  
the  
situation and bring your prayers in line with it. God has a  
certain way  
of thinking when it comes to things in our lives, and we need

to align  
with that.

Case in point: When you need prayer for physical healing, you may feel terrible in your body and want to cry to the Lord about how bad things are for you. However, a more effectual way to pray is to find the Lord's promises about healing from Scripture and pray in agreement with God.

This doesn't mean you cannot cry out to the Lord in your time of adversity. What you need in order to stay accurate in prayer, however, is then to refocus on trusting in God and His promises.

When you make a habit of praying this way, you will learn to pray from the river of your spirit. You plug into the Holy Spirit's way, the source of power in you, because you are agreeing with the Lord's opinion.

Instead of trying to swim upstream, you are flowing with the current. Remember that when the power of the Holy Spirit flows out of you like a river, it contains miracles, blessings and answers to prayer. Accurate prayer will help you flow in all those things.

Suddenly, instead of praying random, disconnected prayers, you are grabbing hold of the blessing that God has already placed in the river of your spirit. A new energy

and  
confidence will come to your prayer life, and you will have  
conclusive  
results because you are targeting what you need with what God  
has  
already promised.

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