

B. We Must Pray in the Spirit

*** QUOTES ON "PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT":**

"That is, in the sense of praying in harmony with the leading of the Holy Spirit, rather than according to one's own agenda (cf. Rom. 8:26-27; Eph. 6:18)" (ESV Study Bible).

"means to be guided and empowered by the Spirit when Christians talk to God (Rom. 8:26; 1 Cor. 14:15, 16; Eph. 6:18); ... (Jeremiah Study Bible).

"According to the Spirit's promptings and with the power of the Spirit (see Ro 8:26-27; Gal 4:6; Eph 6:18) (NIV Study Bible © 1985).

"Christians are to be praying (present participle) in the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8:26-27; Gal 4:6; Eph 6:18). Because all believers have the Spirit, they are to pray according to the Spirit's will (set forth in the written Word and made known by inner promptings) to accomplish God's work by God's power (Edwin Blum, Expositor's Bible Commentary, v. 12).

"... prayer in the Spirit is the ordinary prayer that should be part of the warp and the woof of the Christian life ... Believers cannot keep themselves in God's love without depending on him by petitioning him in prayer. Love for God cannot be sustained without a relationship with him, and such a relationship is nurtured by prayer" (Thomas R. Schreiner, New American Commentary, v. 37, p. 483).

*** SCRIPTURES ON "PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT":**

What would praying in the Spirit look like?

1. S _____ Prayer

→ **Matthew 26:39**

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*."

2. W _____ Prayer

→ **Matthew 26:41** "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

3. B _____ Prayer

→ **Mark 11:24** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*."

4. F _____ Prayer

→ **Mark 11:25** "And _____ whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

5. E _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 3:21-22** When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

6. P _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 6:12** Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

7. S _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 9:18** And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

8. C _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 11:1** Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

9. H _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 11:2** So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven."

10. E _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 18:1** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

11. A _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 22:44** And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

12. W _____ Prayer

→ **Luke 22:46** Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

13. D _____ Prayer

→ **Acts 12:5** Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant¹ prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

14. P _____ Prayer

→ **Acts 16:25** But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

15. I _____ Prayer

→ **Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

16. In _____ Prayer

→ **1 Corinthians 14:15** What is *the conclusion* then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

17. O _____ Prayer

→ **Ephesians 6:18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

18. L _____ Prayer

→ **Colossians 1:9** For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

19. U _____ Prayer

→ **1 Thessalonians 5:16-19** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

20. E _____ Prayer

→ **Revelation 22:20c** He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!