

Jesus – Power in Prayer

John 14:12-14

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

“The early church didn’t have a prayer meeting; the early Church was the prayer meeting. In fact, in the early Church every Christian was a prayer-meeting Christian.”
Armin Gesswein

“Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the Spirit of God”
Edwin Keith

In what ways does Jesus bring power to your prayers?

1. To do a great work for God!

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me, will also do the works that I do and greater works than these will He do... Jn. 14:12

Greater amount of ...

- . Time – 2000 yrs. plus
- . Geography – all nations
- . People – quantity and diversity

“Dear Lord, please let all the doctors and nurses have a good day. And Jesus, please let the doctor with the frog hat get saved and start going to church. Amen.”

“There’s something you should know. Some of the other nurses and I have been witnessing to and praying for that doctor for a long time. After your son’s surgery, he tracked a few of us down to tell us about Austin’s prayer. He said, “Well girls, you got me. If that little boy could pray for me when he was about to have surgery, then I think maybe I need his Jesus, too.”

... because I am going to the Father. Jn. 14:12

Jesus is our mediator to the Father
Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to help us.
Jesus will access the resources of heaven on your behalf.

Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
(13)

Name -
. His priorities
. His approval
. His access
. His kingdom
. His character

When we represent Jesus doing His work on His behalf
Doors open!
Ministry multiplies!

If you ask me anything in My Name,
I will do it. (14)

And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ
Jesus. Phil. 4:19

“You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him.”
St. Teresa of Avila

If God wants us to pray without ceasing, it is because He wants to answer without
ceasing. Armin Gesswein

Victories do not come by accident!

2. To speak grace and truth.

Continue steadfastly in prayer being watchful in it with thanksgiving...
Col. 4:2

Continue – don't give up; persist
Rom. 12:12 Be constant prayer
Acts 2:42 – devoted themselves to prayer
... with thanksgiving let your requests
be known to God. Phil. 4:6

Give thanks in all circumstances.
1 Thess. 5:18

He (Satan) wants you living in a state of defeat ... your defenses down. Your resolve weak and flimsy. Surrendering to an army of insecurities and misdiagnosis instead of courageously thriving in the sophisticated security of your identity in Christ.”

Fervent by Priscilla Schirer

At the same time, pray also for us that God may open to us a door for the Word to declare the mystery of Christ on account of which I am in prison. (3)

For a wide door for effective work has opened to me ... 1 Cor. 16:9

... that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. (4)

... Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
Eph. 5:16

Let your speech always be gracious – seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (6)

No matter how many steps you have taken away from God.. It still only takes one step to come back!

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Eph. 4:29

3. To intercede for others – to give victory over the enemy.

Praying at all times in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication, to that end keep alert with all perseverance making supplication for all the saints.
Eph. 6:18

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The Huffington Post - (11-12-15)

“I’m trying to see every need as a call to prayer, every face as a chance for intercession, every piece of bad news as a call to pray and work.”

In spiritual warfare, as we detect enemy activity and deploy the various pieces of armor, our prayers need to be fervent and specific, strategic and personal, tied to the specific needs arising at that specific occasion. That’s the kind of prayer that energizes the armor of God for maximum effectiveness.

Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me.
Micah 7:8