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Prayer brings Victory

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To intercede in prayer: Greek definitions from The New Testament

Entuxis: to get the ear of the King on behalf of others

Paga: to collide with, to strike up against, to oppose

Huperentughano: to work well with God on behalf of someone else

A Powerful Prayer Life

Just as I am

I dare to believe that God loves me just as I am, and not as I should be. I'm not going to let my weaknesses prevent me from being everything God wants me to be. Jesus knows me the best, and yet he loves me the most. I choose to believe that God wants to use even me to do powerful things for him now, while his presence is faithfully transforming me.

My grace is enough for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Growing stronger

As I make time to talk and listen to God, I am delighted to discover that he wants to speak to me, and to show me his heart of compassion for those who are ill. My prayer times become engaging and relevant because I know that I am praying what's on his heart. I realise there are no barriers between us because of Jesus and his endless forgiveness and unconditional love. The Bible says:

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence. Hebrews 4:16

I stand with you in your battle.

When I feel a deep sense of compassion for someone, this is the Holy Spirit's way of saying that I am the one to touch God's throne for them, and I feel privileged and empowered to attach to their cause and declare:

Your battle has also become my battle.

Tell our mountains how big our God is

We spend a lot of time telling God how big our mountains are, but we should spend more time telling our mountains how big our God is. The Bible says that the name of Jesus is above every name, no matter how serious the problem.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matt 28:18

He has delegated his authority and power to us, as ambassadors of the King, because he wants us to bring his love and healing to others. Jesus said:

Who am I praying for and why? 'Your battle has also become my battle'

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Bible verses / pictures from God, and what they mean:

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Whoever believes in me will do what I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these. John 14:12

God blesses my prayer times, which makes me feel unstoppable because nothing can withstand a Christian praying God's will for someone in need.

If God is for us, who can stand against us? Romans 8:31

The Bible is the living Word

When I listen to God as I pray, he shows me Bible verses to apply in each situation. This truth has an almighty impact, as well as helping me to understand what is happening as I pray.

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates. Hebrews 4:12

'Is not my Word like fire', declares the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?' Jeremiah 23:29

Colliding with the problem

Prayer starts with drawing near to God as I am honest about my sins and receive his forgiveness and healing. Then I come into his presence and this is when it really becomes powerful. One translation of intercessory prayer in the original Greek is 'Paga' which means 'to collide with, to confront, to impinge with violence', and this illustrates the exciting role we have as Intercessors in making a stand against the injustice of illness. I pray from the victory that Jesus has won on the cross, and this is real action, bringing real healing for others.

The weapons we fight with have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:4

When I start praying against an illness, I often say: 'Jesus has disarmed you and undermined your rights and your foundation through his death and resurrection. You are now defenceless and exposed to my righteous attack. I am a Christian, and you cannot ignore me, or resist what I pray. Jesus has given me his authority to defeat you. I confront you in the name of Jesus because God has sent me to destroy you'. No matter how incurable or complex the illness, God will show a way forward to defeat it:

A step by step account: Verses used, God's guidance, advancements made

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How is my own relationship with God growing?

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Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Hebrews 4:13

Living at a higher level

God has privileged us in Jesus Christ to live above the ordinary human plane of life, and in my lifetime I want to see the full extent of God's power and love. In order to experience these mountain-top moments, God showed me that I should raise my base camp and live my Christian life at a higher spiritual level. For me, this means:

Making enjoyable time to connect with God, to pray and listen (prayer runs and walks); being hungry for God's encouraging and guiding Word in my own life; receiving his loving grace to help in the challenges of my daily life; deciding never to walk away if he is moving me to offer prayer to someone.

I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John 15:1-8

Fasting & praying

Fasting is the most amazing thing to do with God, because it draws me humbly and powerfully into his presence with the deepest sense of forgiveness. Then he gives me his authority to bring about his will, and he promises to add the fullness of his almighty power and anointing to my prayers:

This is the fast I choose, to break their chains of sin, to bring freedom for the oppressed, and to take away their heavy burdens. Isaiah 58:6.

Try missing a meal and find 20 minutes to pray. Drink plenty of water. Pour out your heart to God.

The law of sowing & reaping

When we sow seeds, we reap a harvest. This is a law of nature as well as of prayer, so God promises to act when we sow prayer into people's lives.

Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. God will supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Prayer brings victory

Listening to God's lead as I pray regularly for someone brings such a close walk with God that inevitably transforms my heart and mind. As long as God is moving me to pray, it's a pleasure to make sure I lose nothing of what he gives me. A prayer battle is first won in Heavenly realms, so I know that our work together has been successful in advancing the cause even when I can't see any results of my prayers. I trust his perfect timing and know that he is always on the case. Meanwhile I want to stay in relationship with him, because God is happiest with us when we are happiest with him.

God draws near to me when I go through difficult times - this is when I really experience the depth of his love. It also makes me realise that Jesus wants to work through me, and I can do very little in my own strength.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in troubled times.

Psalm 46:1

Abraham did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had the power to do what he had promised. Romans 4:20-21

Having someone to share with strengthens and encourages me:

Iron sharpens iron. Proverbs 27:17

I think God would agree with this quote: Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God.

God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power at work within us. Ephesians 3:20

John Ford



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Leaders are Readers

New Testament of the Bible, with a pencil to underline the verses that stand out
Rees Howells Intercessor, by Norman Grubb.

Greater Works, by Smith Wigglesworth

Even Greater, by Rheinard Bonnke

A Diary of Miracles, by Aliss Cresswell

God's Chosen Fast, by Arthur Wallis

The Burning Ones, by Steve Uppal

When Heaven Invades Earth, Bill Johnson

The Happy Intercessor, Beni Johnson

Stepping into the impossible, Mark Marx.

Red Moon Rising, by Pete Greig