

Subject: Pray Without Ceasing

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The Bible

(King James Version)

Luke 4:14 (Jesus), 15

14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

John 5: 43 (to 1st ,)

43 I am come in my Father's name,

John 10: 10 (I am)

10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

I Thessalonians 5: 17, 6

17 Pray without ceasing.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

Luke 6: 12, 13 (to 2nd ,), 17

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.

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve,

17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

Matthew 17:14, 15 (1st), 16, 17 (bring), 18-21(this)

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic,

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Isaiah 58: 6

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

II Timothy 4:2 (be)

be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Romans 12: 12

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Joshua 1: 8

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 1:1-2

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Deuteronomy 6:17

17 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Proverbs 28: 9

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Matthew 23:14

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Matthew 6:5

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men.

Proverbs 15:8, 29

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight

Luke 21: 35-36

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Philippians 4:6

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Luke 18: 1

1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Matthew 21:22 all

22 all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Acts 12:5, 6 (Peter), 7, 10-12

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

James 5: 16 (The), 16 (pray)

16 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

16 pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

Job 42:10 (the)

10 the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Psalms 42: 8 (the)

8 the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Colossians 4:2

2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Acts 6:4 (we)

4 we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Philippians 4: 8-9 (to :)

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do

Philippians 4: 7

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1: 1-6 Prayer

What are the motives for prayer? Do we pray to make ourselves better or to benefit those who hear us, to enlighten the infinite or to be heard of men? Are we benefited by praying? Yes, the desire which goes forth hungering after righteousness is blessed of our Father, and it does not return unto us void.

354: 18-20 (to .) *Some Objections Answered*

Consistency is seen in example more than in precept. Inconsistency is shown by words without deeds, which are like clouds without rain.

167:32-168:3 *Physiology*

Substituting good words for a good life, fair seeming for straightforward character, is a poor shift for the weak and worldly, who think the standard of Christian Science too high for them.

13:13-18 *Prayer*

Do we gain the omnipotent ear sooner by words than by thoughts? Even if prayer is sincere, God knows our need before we tell Him or our fellow-beings about it. If we cherish the desire honestly and silently and humbly, God will bless it, and we shall incur less risk of overwhelming our real wishes with a torrent of words.

1:10-14 *Prayer*

Thoughts unspoken are not unknown to the divine Mind. Desire is prayer; and no loss can occur from trusting God with our desires, that they may be moulded and exalted before they take form in words and in deeds.

1:1-4 (to .) Prayer

The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love.

15:20 (We), 21-24 Prayer

We must "pray without ceasing." Such prayer is answered, in so far as we put our desires into practice. The Master's injunction is, that we pray in secret and let our lives attest our sincerity.

Christians rejoice in secret beauty and bounty, hidden from the world, but known to God. Self-forgetfulness, purity, and affection are constant prayers. Practice not profession, understanding not belief, gain the ear and right hand of omnipotence and they assuredly call down infinite blessings.

497: 24-27 Recapitulation

6. And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.

261:4 Creation

Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts.

496:15-19 Recapitulation

Hold perpetually this thought, — that it is the spiritual idea, the Holy Ghost and Christ, which enables you to demonstrate, with scientific certainty, the rule of healing, based upon its divine Principle, Love, underlying, overlying, and encompassing all true being.