



Let's Pray Together
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Listen to the Holy Spirit

We have learned of a prayer culture called, “pray together.” Often when we learn of prayer needs from our family, friends, local fellowship, or relationships around the world, we tend to respond, “I’m praying for you.” Then, we pray alone rather than together.

The idea of “let’s pray” is an invitation. In our relationships with other believers as well as anyone we have influence with who does not yet follow Jesus, we want prayer to be a priority and practice, and we have freedom to pause in the middle of conversations and pray with the Holy Spirit together.

It’s not enough to pray together. Sometimes we pray in a self-centered way. We can also pray for something against God’s will. Quietening our minds and listening to the Spirit speak is the key to praying within God’s will.

Warning

There are no best practices or fruitful strategies in prayer. By design, prayer is practicing God's presence, listening to his revelation, and perceiving his will according to his plans and timing through his Spirit.

We don't pray to make something happen or pray to get something we want. We don't pray to achieve a goal or pray because we should. Prayer by nature is a relationship, a friendship and companionship with God.

Please don't view this "Watches & Streams" resource as a strategy or process for effective prayer. Prayer is perfectly effective whenever we spend time focusing on God's presence and opening our hearts to receive whatever he wants to reveal or release from heaven.

The "win" for prayer is remaining with our Savior and not allowing the dragon, the world, our own problems, or even well-meaning people to distract us from perpetual communion with Jesus' Holy Spirit.

Atmosphere

Spiritual Fields

The earlier chapter called Seraphim River Vision dives much deeper than we will here explaining the spiritual environment of worship and prayer.

Wherever you find yourself today in whatever season of your lifetime, you don't have to wait to pray, you don't have to do anything specific to earn the right to talk to God.

In Luke 18, the tax collector felt guilty for his self-centered lifestyle, but he knew God was always listening, so he shared his heart with God and received forgiveness and peace through Jesus' Spirit.

Maybe you're reading this book and realizing you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Maybe you grew up in a local church and were around believers but never became one yourself. Maybe you "got saved" when you were younger, but you did it because you felt pressured to, and you were never filled with Jesus' Holy Spirit.

Whatever your reasons, now is the day of salvation for you if you will believe and receive Jesus' Holy Spirit. You don't need to find a local priest, you don't need to change your life first. Just believe right now. Tell Jesus you love him and want to follow him for the rest of your life and be with him forever in heaven. Tell God you're sorry for rejecting him, and welcome Jesus' Holy Spirit into your body and soul.

If you want to understand more about why Jesus' Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to praying in the kingdom of heaven, read and study 1 Corinthians 3 and discover the role of the Holy Spirit in God revealing his heart to his people. Without dying to self and living for Christ, we can never truly understand God's wisdom or discern his revelation because we are worshipping ourselves and just using God and the Bible for our own personal gain. He designed us for worship and prayer.

When we are filled with Jesus' Holy Spirit, we have shared in Jesus' death on the cross and been reborn into his resurrection life. We have been baptized into

Jesus' death and become new creations by Jesus' Holy Spirit. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit to pray in the Spirit and clearly, consistently hear his voice.

That is the atmosphere of praying together and listening to Jesus' Holy Spirit: practicing his presence, loving him with all of our hearts, quieting our thoughts, and opening our hearts to receive his revelation through his Word, his Spirit, and our life experiences. We are one with God the Father and God the Son through God the Holy Spirit dwelling inside our bodies.

Praying together in the Spirit opens up spiritual channels of supernatural revelation between heaven and earth, between our Creator and Savior and ourselves, his sons and daughters, and disciples.

Praying in the Spirit connects us with all the mighty hosts of heaven: the four living creatures, the 24 elders, the seraphim worship angels, the cherubim warrior angels, Gabriel's messenger angels, and all the saints in glory who are interceding right now for the body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission.

Praying in the Spirit aligns our souls with what our Abba Father is already doing, calibrates our desires and priorities with how the Spirit is directing our steps and decisions, and filters out all the distractions and deceptions that drag us down and prevent us from purity and power.

Praying in the Spirit helps us see people in our lives we have never forgiven, inspires us to love people we already know as well as strangers, and guides us in

discerning how to live out our passions and apply the spiritual gifts we have received to our calendar week, resources, relationships, and current life goals.

Praying in the Spirit helps us see people who are hurting or grieving, suffering or rebelling. Prayer in the Spirit helps us proclaim the powerful Word of God as a blessing and bondage breaker in our friendships, families, communities, cities, and nations. Worship in the Spirit helps us focus on Jesus Christ, honor and glorify our Creator and Redeemer, and cling to his promises with radiant hope that helps us endure through all the trials and temptations we daily face.

Praying in the Spirit ultimately is the abiding pathway Jesus calls us to live out every day as his disciples: to remain in his presence, keep our eyes fixed on our Savior, and see everything and everyone, including ourselves, through his eyes. Because that's how God sees us. When we are reborn in Jesus Christ, God the Father now sees each one of us through the salvation blood-veil of Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Great Mystery is that our Creator sees us restored through Jesus Christ as holy, righteous, perfect, and pure; not because of anything we've done, but because Jesus finished his work in the cross, saving the world, and restoring all rebels as beloved, cherished, and treasured sons and daughters in his divine, eternal, heavenly kingdom. We become his forever when we repent, believe, and follow Jesus.

The Seraphim River helps us remember all these spiritual realities that are happening in real-time as we

worship and pray, so that our relationship with God doesn't dry up, and we begin drifting far away again.

Revelation Verses To Guide Us

Always Pray > Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Holy Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel. (Ephesians 6:17-19 ESV)

Forgiveness & Restoration > When the sky holds back its rain because Israel has sinned against you, but they then pray concerning this place, give thanks to your name, and turn away from their sin because you have punished them for it then listen from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the best way for them to follow, and send rain on your land that you gave to your people as an inheritance. (2 Chronicles 6:26-27 CEB)

Great Commission Unity > Jesus prayed, "I'm also praying for those who will believe in me through their message. I pray that all of these people continue to have unity in the way that you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they may be united with us so that the world will believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-21 GWT)

Merciful Provider > The LORD is righteous in all he does, merciful in all his acts. He is near to those who

call to him, who call to him with sincerity. He supplies the needs of those who honor him; he hears their cries and saves them. (Psalm 145:17-19 GNT)

Prayer Lifestyle > Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Holy Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 NIV)

Trust & Remember > Trust the LORD and his mighty power. Worship him always. Remember his miracles and all his wonders and his fair decisions. You belong to the family of Israel, his servant; you are his chosen ones, the descendants of Jacob. The LORD is our God, bringing justice everywhere on earth. We must never forget his covenant and his promises, not in thousands of years. (1 Chronicles 16:11-15 CEV)

Understanding Truth > I always pray to our Great and Glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that he will give you the Holy Spirit, who will let you know truths about God and help you understand them, so that you will know him better. I pray that God will open your minds to see his Truth. Then you will know the hope that he has chosen us to have. You will know that the blessings God has promised his holy people are rich and glorious. (Ephesians 1:17-18 ERV)

Will Alignment > This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15 CSB)

Treasures

Practicing Heaven Here & Now

Promises

- Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to dwell inside every one of his disciples. (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- Jesus' Holy Spirit is our Helper, sent from Jesus to teach us all Truth and remind us of everything Jesus said on earth. (John 14:26)
- Jesus' Holy Spirit is always speaking, and all of Jesus' disciples are called every day to listen. (Revelation 3:22)
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and we recognize his voice. Jesus' Holy Spirit helps us to discern his voice from false teachers. (John 10:4-5)
- Our security in Jesus Christ is perfect. Nothing and no one can ever separate us from Jesus' Holy Spirit once we welcome him in. (Romans 8:37-39)
- Jesus Church is wired for praying together. Jesus' Holy Spirit is calling all of us to worship and pray together whenever we can. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- We pray to someone absolutely trustworthy. Our God's kingdom is coming right now, his will is being done, he provides what we need, teaches us to forgive our enemies, protects us in temptation, and delivers us in spiritual warfare. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Prayers

- Praise the LORD that he loves and listens to us.

- Praise the LORD for saving our souls and restoring us as his beloved sons and daughters.
- Praise the LORD because he is good, and his love endures forever.
- Praise the LORD for speaking to us through his Word and Spirit.
- Pray for our hearts and minds to be open and surrendered before him.
- Pray for a fresh love for God in the body of Christ.
- Pray for all barriers and strongholds preventing Jesus' disciples from hearing the Holy Spirit to bow and fall down in the presence of Almighty God.
- Pray for all systems and structures that make the Gospel and Great Commission complicated and burdensome to burn up in the Refiner's fire.
- Pray for Jesus' disciples to begin worshipping, praying, and listening together as one family.
- Pray for Jesus' disciples to abide in the Vine and rest in the Holy Spirit's presence always.
- Pray for discernment and clarity to distinguish the voice of Jesus' Holy Spirit verses the self, evil spirits, and the world.
- Pray for Jesus' disciples to receive rest, refreshment, renewal, and vision in God's presence and prayer.

Practice

- Look at my weekly routine/calendar. What time windows am I willing to open up for more rest in God's presence and listening to the Holy Spirit?
- Try starting a conversation with Jesus' Holy Spirit the next time I'm washing the dishes, cooking a meal, working on a project, or traveling to a destination.
- Evaluate the ways I'm spending my time especially in the evenings and at night. Is there anything I'm doing that is incompatible with the Gospel, that would hinder me from hearing Jesus' Holy Spirit speaking?
- Scroll through my list of Contacts while worshipping and praying. Who needs prayer? Who should I call today and offer to pray together over the phone? Who is lonely or hurting that I can encourage by sending a message today or visit face-to-face soon?