

Why should certain prayers take longer to be answered than others?



GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS OUR

PRAYERS, but not always right away or in just the way we expect Him to. Sometimes He says “yes,” sometimes He says “no,” and sometimes He says “wait.”

When we pray for others, there are a number of factors that affect the whole process, including our will and our condition, God and His will, and the condition of those for whom we are praying. We don't control the outcome of our prayers completely, others don't control it completely, and God has specifically limited Himself not to control it completely, which is, of course, one reason why we don't always get the answer right away. The trouble may be with us, or it may not be God's time to act or move, or the trouble may be at the other end, with those for whom we are praying. But when the conditions are ready for the result God knows is best, He *will* answer.

When God doesn't grant our request right away, it tests our faith and draws us closer to Him, but His delays are not denials (James 1:3). Never doubt for a moment that God is going to come through, and He will—He has to. Trust Him, and thank Him for answering your prayer, even if you don't see that answer immediately.