

# PRAYER

# POWER!

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It's not *how long* we pray or *how much* we pray; it's how much we *believe*. If we really believe, every prayer is heard and answered. The Lord really leaves a lot to *us* and our concern and prayer. If we only cry with half a heart we only get half an answer. But if we cry with our whole heart we get a whole-hearted strong answer. He says, "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with *all* your heart!" (Jeremiah 29:13 NKJ).

The very intensity with which we pray and really mean it or desire it is reflected in the answer. Like a radio beam that hits a satellite, our prayer is reflected according to the intensity of the original beam. The power with which it is sent determines the power that is reflected and the power that is received.

Why do certain answers take longer to come than others? Some prayers are like radio waves being bounced off a distant planet: It may take years to get the answer, but it *will* eventually come. Also, while we would like for our prayers to be answered immediately, the Lord may know that it's not the best time.

A lot depends on the recipient of your prayers, too. To get the benefit of your prayer, *you* have to be in the right position and *he or she* has to be in the right position.

If you're in tune, the Holy Spirit directs your prayer. If your radio set is automated so that the Holy Spirit is in control, then it's automatically tuned just right—power, beam, direction, everything—by the Lord's own computer, and it can't miss! But if you've been fooling around with the dials and the settings, you can mess up the whole works by trying to do it *your* way. It's got to go according to God's general direction if you want it to work. The recipient has also got to be in just the right position and have his or her receiver turned on in order to receive it.

So prayer depends on four principal factors: your position, God's position, the person or situation you're praying for, and the way you pray—the direction of your prayers and their intensity. God has left a lot up to *you* and a lot up to *the recipient*. He will always do His part. His orbit is set, and His satellite will always be where it's supposed to be at any given time. So the only things that will change the outcome are your position, the recipient's position, and the power and direction of your transmission.

So that's how prayer works. If it's according to God's will—what He knows is best for everyone concerned—and you and the object of your prayer are in the right position and you aim straight, your prayer will hit the target and have the desired effect!

## A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOU

I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard.  
I felt the answer in my heart,  
Although I heard no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame.—  
I knew you wouldn't mind.  
I asked Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He be near you  
At the start of each new day,  
To grant you health and blessing,  
And friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you,  
In all things great and small.  
But it was for His loving care  
I prayed most of all.

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