

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Luke 11:1b

Prayer aligns our hearts with God's
will so we can live out his purpose



Fervent Prayer

[I Kings 18:41-46 | James 5:13-18]

*Prayer Seeks God's Wisdom
So We Can Fulfill God's Calling*

Big Idea: Prayer was never meant to be merely momentary, or ever optional—prayer is a lifeline: like breathing the air, or a plant standing in soil.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

I. Fervent Prayer [James 3:17]

"One thing is necessary." — Luke 10:42

II. Pain [James 5:13]

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

— CS Lewis

III. The Goodness of God

What is it about the goodness of God that makes you want to come boldly to Him?

Question, Reading, Challenge, and Prayer

Question: Where is there a "drought," or a pain-point in your life right now? What is the Lord showing you about what you cling to and confide in?

Reading: Read I Kings 18, James 5:13-18, and pray through Psalm 27.

Challenge: Consider Jesus, who loves, you, died and rose for you, and who intercedes for you at the Father's right hand? What does the Lord want to give you in exchange for any fears or idols that may be surfacing through the pain points in your life?

Prayer: O God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to your honor, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in you I have all. Amen. — Julian of Norwich

I Kings 18:41-46

And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of the rushing of rain."

⁴² So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Mount Carmel. And he bowed himself down on the earth and put his face between his knees. ⁴³ And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again," seven times. ⁴⁴ And at the seventh time he said, "Behold, a little cloud like a man's hand is rising from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.'"⁴⁵ And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

James 5:13-18

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.