

LIVE WELL SERIES
SEVEN DECISIONS EVERYONE CAN MAKE EVERY DAY
#3 PRAY WELL
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WHAT IS PRAYER?

- Prayer is a **privilege** not a duty to fulfill.
- Prayer is the **act** of talking to the Living Lord about everything as well as listening.
- Prayer is the **desire** to be with God.

I Thessalonians 5.17

Never stop praying.

Psalm 25.4

Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.

James 1.5

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

CAN PRAYER REMOVE SUFFERING? IF IT'S GOD'S WILL.

WE PRAY AND GOD DECIDES BUT WE ALWAYS RECEIVE AN ANSWER.

Jesus prayed for the agony of the cross to be removed (take a pass on suffering) and then in prayer Jesus said, *“Father, if You are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine.”* **Luke 22.42**

2 Chronicles 20:3,4

Jehoshaphat was terrified by this news and begged the Lord for guidance. He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting. 4 So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord's help.

PRAISE IS POWERFUL AND NECESSARY!

- Jehoshaphat was dependent on God
- A vast army can be a health concern, a wayward child, finances, a spouse who promised fidelity but cheated, etc.
- A vast army is coming, so we need to be dependent on God, because at this point self-sufficiency is woefully inadequate.

REF 2 CHRONICLES 20.15-17

GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE THE MOST REMARKABLE VICTORY IN THE MOST UNCONVENTIONAL WAYS. SOUNDS LIKE GOD. DON'T TRY TO PREDICT GOD; OBEY GOD.

Please note below a few prayers that matter everyday.

- MONDAY = Guard my heart from worry.
- TUESDAY = Fill me with love for unloving people.
- WEDNESDAY = Clothe me in humility.
- THURSDAY = Show me ways to serve You and others.
- FRIDAY = Give me wisdom to see what You see.
- SATURDAY = Fuel my spirit with thankfulness.
- SUNDAY = Fill me with a spirit of praise, worship, and hunger for the Word of God.

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KEY POINT: The battle is not ours and the battle is already won. Live victoriously and with confidence in the Living Lord. Talk to God about everything and listen well!

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner. I know the penalty of my sin is physical, spiritual, and eternal death. I acknowledge that I can't do anything about my situation. But I know You came to pay the penalty for my sin. I trust in You alone as the One who died in my place. I repent of my sin and trust in You alone as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with the Living God. I desire to be Your child. I desire to live as Your child. I receive joyfully receive Your gift of GRACE. In Your Name. Amen.