

**Be Gracious and Hear My
Prayer**

The Lord Listens to the Righteous

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- **James 5:13** Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises.
- 14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.
- 15 Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.
- 16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The **earnest prayer of a righteous person** has great power and produces wonderful results.
- 17 Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! 18 Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

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- **Romans 8:26** “And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with **groanings** that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers^[a] in harmony with God’s own will. ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

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- **Matthew 6:5** “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.”
- **Matthew 6:7** “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!”
- **Matthew 6:9** Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. 10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Wicked Cannot Stand Before the Lord

- **Psalm 5:4** “For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
- 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

- **John 9:31** “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God ... T
- **Proverbs 15:29** “The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.”

- **Christ has provided the proper sacrifice to open the necessary access into the presence of the Father.**
- **Hebrews 10:19** “And so, dear brothers and sisters,^[f] we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.
 - ²⁰ By his death,^[g] Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.
 - ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house,
 - ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

The Lord Gives Joy to the Righteous

- **Psalm 4:6** There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”
- 7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

• **Ephesians 1:15** “Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people everywhere,^[e]

• ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,

• ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom^[f] and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

• ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.^[g]

• ¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.

- **Colossians 1:9** “So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- ¹⁰ Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.
- ¹¹ We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy.”

The Lord is a Refuge to the Righteous

- **Psalm 5:11** “But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.
- **12** For you bless the righteous, O Lord you cover him with favor as with a shield.”

- **Psalm 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.
- 2 So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.
- 3 Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

- **Proverbs 14:26** “In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.”
- **Proverbs 18:10** “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe.”
- **Isaiah 25:4** “For You have been a defense for the helpless, A defense for the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; For the breath of the ruthless Is like a rain storm against a wall.”
- **Jeremiah 16:19** “O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, And my refuge in the day of distress, To You the nations will come From the ends of the earth and say, "Our fathers have inherited nothing but falsehood, Futility and things of no profit."

Conclusion

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