

They Prayed

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Words to Find:
 Abraham
 Daniel
 David
 Elijah
 Elisha
 Gideon
 Hannah
 Hezekiah
 Jacob
 Jesus
 Job
 John
 Manasseh
 Moses
 Paul
 Solomon
 Stephen
 Zacharias

The Prayer Windmill

Oxenden, 1871

A traveling Russian tribe, the Calmucs, had an unusual practice. At the entrance of their huts they had a kind of small windmill. They call it their "praying machine". The owner of the hut causes certain prayers to be written by the priests, and then adheres them to the windmill's blades. They are then turned around by the wind, which saves him the trouble of repeating them himself.



A Christian may giggle at such practices, but he may have a similar practice in his own spiritual life. Many hold a prayer-book in their hand, and vainly pray what its pages tell them, or even pray some memorized prayer over and over. The prayers of others become their praying machine they hope will bring down from heaven all the blessings they need, without any trouble or concern of their own.

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Answered Prayers

Dr. J. Campbell

- ☞ Abraham's servant prayed; Rebekah appeared.
- ☞ Jacob prayed; Esau's mind was wonderfully changed from a revengeful purpose he had harbored for twenty years.
- ☞ Moses cried to God; the sea was divided.
- ☞ Moses prayed; Amalek was discomfited.
- ☞ Joshua prayed; Achan was discovered.
- ☞ Hannah prayed; Samuel was born.
- ☞ David prayed; Ahithophel hung himself.
- ☞ Asa prayed; a victory was gained.
- ☞ Jehoshaphat cried to God; God turned away his foes.
- ☞ Isaiah and Hezekiah prayed; 185,000 Assyrians were dead in twelve hours.
- ☞ Daniel prayed; lions were muzzled.
- ☞ Ezra prayed; God answered (Ezra 8:21-23).
- ☞ Nehemiah prayed; a king's heart was softened quickly.

- ☞ Elijah prayed; rain came.
- ☞ Elisha prayed; the Jordan was divided.
- ☞ The Apostles prayed; the Holy Ghost came down.
- ☞ The church prayed; Peter was delivered from prison.

Unanswered Prayers

John Bate

I have seen persons stand at the door of a house, knocking on the wood with their knuckles, while a door-knocker was provided for them to use. Had they used the brass knocker they would have saved their hands pain and gotten a much speedier response.



This is like many and their prayer life. Instead of praying with the promises and the Spirit of God, they pray in their own feeble strength, and hence they pray amiss.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

James 4:3

Benefits of Prayer

Trench, 1871

Lord, what a change within us
one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will pre-
vail to make!
What heavy burdens from our
bosoms take,
What parch'd grounds refresh,
as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us
seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and
the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline,
brave and clear;
We kneel, how weak! We rise,
how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do
ourselves this wrong,
Or others, that we are not always
strong,
That we are ever overborne with
care,
That we should ever weak or
heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with
us is prayer,
And joy, and strength, and cour-
age are with Thee?

**"Prayer crowns God with
the honour and glory that
are due to His name, and
God crowns prayer with
assurance and comfort.
Usually the most praying
souls are the most
assured souls."**

— T. Brooks

Keep Praying!

C. H. Surgeon

You say you have been pray-
ing for a matter. Remember, the
tree does not always drop its



fruit at the first shake you give
it. Shake it again! Give it another
shake! Sometimes, when the
tree is loaded, and it is pretty
firm in the earth, you have to
shake it to and fro, and at last
you plant your feet, and get hold
of it, and shake it with might, till
you strain every muscle and sin-
ew to get the fruit down. That is
the way to pray. Shake the Tree
of Life until the mercy drops
into your lap.

Christ loves for men to beg
hard. You cannot be too impor-
tunate. That which might be dis-
agreeable to your fellow-
creatures, when you ask of them,
will be agreeable to Christ. Oh!
Get ye to your chambers, ye that
are saved! To your bed-sides, to
your closets, and, "Seek ye the
LORD while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is
near:" Isaiah 55:6

May the Spirit of God con-
strain you to pray. May he con-
strain you to continue in prayer.
Jesus must hear you. The gate of
heaven is open to the sturdy
knocker that affirms he will not
take a denial.

"... The effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous man
availeth much." James 5:16

Why Pray?

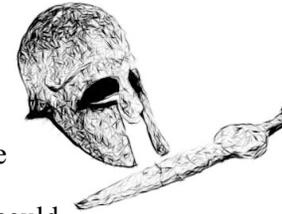
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Spurgeon

A preacher promised to pray
for a warrior who was going forth
to battle for his country. "My
prayer will be made continually
for you that you may be victori-
ous," said the preacher.

The warrior, in his philosoph-
ic doubt, replied that he saw no
use in the promised prayers. If
God was determined to give him
victory, He would do it without
prayer;
and if
fate had
decreed
that he
should be
defeated,
prayers could
not prevent it, reasoned the sol-
dier.

The godly man
replied, "Then take off your hel-
met and your coat of mail, and
hang up your sword and buckler.
Go not forth to battle at all with
your men-at-arms; for, indeed, if
the Lord is to conquer your ene-
mies He can do it without your



**Praying will give
you a calm-plex!"**

weapons, and if God will not
prosper you, it will then be in
vain for you to mount your war-
horse."

Quickly, the soldier saw how
ridiculous it was not to have the
man of God pray for him.

Don't Miss a Meal

Author Unknown

A laboring man needs three
meals of nutritious food daily. A
genteel idler may not relish even
one, but he who toils with brain
or brawn requires a regular sup-
ply of food; properly prepared
and deliberately eaten.

Can a healthy, working Chris-
tian, maintain his efficiency on
less? Shall he not give at least as
much time in talking with the
Lord as he would to his stomach?

"Evening, and morning, and
at noon, will I pray, and cry
aloud: and he shall hear my
voice." Psalm 55:17

**"The Aediles, who lived among
the Romans, had their doors
always left open, that all who
had petitions might have free
access to them.**

**The door of Heav-
en is always open
for the prayers of
God's
people."**

— T. Watson

