

THE NEED FOR PRAYER

1 Timothy 2:8

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Introduction: There is no question that the world of today is sick, disillusioned, warring, deep in sin and in great despair. People everywhere are confused and led astray by the problems and difficulties they face every day. It is true that there are many problems that just cannot be solved, many dangers that cannot be avoided, burdens so heavy that it is almost impossible for human strength and wisdom to handle. What is needed today is God! The world needs God to step in and do His will. How can God be brought into the affairs of this hurting world? By PRAYER!

I. NOTHING LIES BEYOND THE REACH OF PRAYER THAT IS IN GOD'S WILL

1. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer that is found within God's will.
 - The needs of the world today are so many and so difficult.
 - There is little hope for the world to be what it should be.
2. Jesus said, "*...Men ought always to pray, and not to faint...*"
 - It is a known fact that in relation to His people, God works in answer to their prayers.
 - It is better for God's people to pray than even to witness or preach.
 - As there are many needs, God's children need to be praying much.
 - Prayer is the sword that will cut through what cannot otherwise be done.
3. Prayer is intercession for others.
 - Abraham prayed for wicked Sodom.
 - Moses prayed for complaining Israel.
 - Samuel prayed for the nation as it decided to change from God to a king.
 - Elijah prayed for the widow who was in poverty and distress.
 - Paul prayed for the churches he started.
 - Jesus prayed for His disciples whom He had called.

II. PRAYER IS THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON THAT CHRISTIANS HAVE

1. Christians everywhere need to pray as that's the greatest thing they can do for the world/their nation.
 - Christians need to take time to pray and to be really sincere in their prayers.
 - The one who prays most, helps the most.
 - The praying Christian does as much as the missionary on the mission field.
 - The place where God descends and fights for His children is the place of prayer.
2. Every Christian can pray!
 - One may not be able to speak in an audible voice but he/she can still pray.
 - One may be confined to a sick bed or a nursing home, but he/she can still pray.
 - One may work in a place where open prayer is forbidden, but he/she can still pray.
 - One may not be allowed to speak with others, but he/she can still pray.
 - One may be paralyzed from head to foot, but he/she can still pray.
3. No one can keep God from coming to help His people.
 - God has promised to care for His own.
 - The door has never been made that can exclude God from His people.

III. PRAYER IS THE HIGHEST PRIVILEGE OF A CHRISTIAN

1. No human power can take away from the Christian the privilege of prayer.
 - In these difficult days/times, let every Christian value prayer as his/her highest privilege and prove it to be so by praying in these hard times.
2. Christians need to pray at sun up, at noon day, at sun down, at midnight, all through the day.
 - Pray for the children, the youth, the aged, the Christian leaders, Churches that all may do what God has appointed them to do.
 - Pray for the missionaries at home and abroad.
 - Pray for themselves that their lives will be a witness to the rest of the world.
 - Pray for the nations that are in distress.
 - Pray for those who have never know the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Pray for the national leaders.

CONCLUSION:

1. Christians, let prayer be your life.
 - Be found at the throne of grace, boldly confident, knowing that God is faithful to do what He has promised.
2. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that His people ask or think, according to the power that works in His people.
3. Christians, pray, pray, pray for that is the ONLY answer to the needs of this world.