## PRAYER AND WHY IT IS THE GREATEST WEAPON FOR A BELIEVER

## What is prayer?

Prayer is described in the Bible as

- 1. seeking God's favor (Exodus 32:11),
- 2. pouring out one's soul to the Lord (<u>1 Samuel 1:15</u>),
- 3. crying out to heaven (2 Chronicles 32:20),
- 4. drawing near to God (Psalm 73:28, KJV), and
- 5. kneeling before the Father (Ephesians 3:14).

Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to communicate his emotions and to fellowship with God. Prayer can be audible or silent, private or public, formal or informal.

In our prayers, we must admit that God is greater than we are and ultimately knows what is best in any given situation (<u>Romans 11:33–36</u>)

On and off prayer may energize the heart of a believer through the power of the Spirit but <u>consistent prayer releases the power of God's blessing in</u> <u>one's life and circumstances.</u>

Prayer is a mighty weapon at the disposal of every man or woman who loves God and knows His son Jesus Christ. I once heard prayer described as guided missile that can be launched from anywhere on the face of the planet at any target, and there is no defense against it. Satan can't even stop your prayers. The enemy would rather have you do anything else than pray.

## Seeking God's face verses seeking His hand

Seeking God's face involves praise worship and adoration – in other words one is seeking for a relationship God, while seeking His hand is about aiming for what one can get from him in prayer.

A consistent prayer life will move your faith from the realm of a religion into a true relationship with Jesus Christ.

## How often should we pray?

The Bible encourages us to pray without ceasing (<u>1 Thessalonians 5:17</u>). As we grow in our love for Jesus Christ, we will naturally desire to talk to Him (Pray) daily or consistently.

When you sincerely love someone, you like to spend time with them – even conversing with them. We should desire to have a running conversation going with God all day long.

Without prayer, you will not fully receive all that God has provided for you in this life. God has set up his Kingdom in a way that we must consistently come to Him in a relationship, seek Him personally, and ask Him to be at work in us and our circumstances. James said in James 4:2, "You do not have because you do not ask God".

The Lord wants us to continually invite Him into our lives, surrender to Him, and to seek His power. This kind of lifestyle demonstrates our love for Him.

I am fully convinced that the Lord has blessings for us that He has chosen for us as we draw near to Him in prayer. He is not going to give all that He has for you unless you really connect with Him in a relationship