

The Need

(2 Chronicles 7:14) *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and **pray** and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

(James 5:16) *The earnest (heartfelt, continued) **prayer** of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in it's working. (AMP)*

Three Irrefutable Facts about Prayer

1. Prayer is the proper _____ to every situation.
2. Prayer is a _____ effort.
3. Prayer _____ makes a difference.

10 Biblical Mandates to Effective Prayer.

1. Keep Your Heart Right with God and People.

(Mark 11:24-26) *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.*"

2. Confront The Enemy.

(Ephesians 6:10-12) *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our **struggle** is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

3. Ask according to His Will.

(1 John 5:14-15) *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we **ask anything according to his will**, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

4. Have Confidence In Your Relationship With Him.

(Hebrews 4:16) *Let us then approach the throne of grace with **confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

(2 Corinthians 5:21) *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the **righteousness** of God.*

5. Understand the Power of Agreement.

(Matthew 18:19 & 20) *"Again, I tell you that if **two** of you on earth **agree** about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."*

6. Ask the Father in Jesus _____.

(John 16:23-24) *In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth; my Father will give you whatever you **ask in my name**. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

7. Release your Faith with Absolute Assurance in God's _____.

(Mark 10:27) *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; **all** things are possible with God."*

8. Pray God's _____.

(Matthew 4:4) *Jesus answered, "**It is written**: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

9. Stay out of _____.

(2 Timothy 1:7) *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (**fear**), but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

10. Be _____ with God.

(Luke 18:1) *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should **always pray and not give up**.*