

The Prayer of Faith

Father God, You said in Mark 11:24, **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

You said in John 16:23,24, **And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

You also said in John 15:7, **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

God, You said out of the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established. According to Your written Word, it is Your will to hear and answer my prayers. I thank You, Father, that You always hear and answer my prayers. I believe that You always hear me when I pray in line with Your Word and in the Name of Jesus. You give me what I believe I receive when I pray.

So, I ask You, Father, for _____, in Jesus' Name! Today, I believe I've received what I have asked for by faith, in Jesus' Name. My proof that I've received what I have prayed for is my faith in Your promises. Hebrews 11:1 says, **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** The evidence and my proof that I have what I've prayed for by faith believing, is that my faith is based on Your Word that never fails. My faith is the substance of what I have asked for in Jesus' Name.

James 1:5-8 says, **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**

Philippians 4:6 says, **Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** God, I am thanking You and praising You that I have received _____, and I have it now, in Jesus' Name!

Faith Exhortation

Many people miss out in faith when they weaken as time lingers. One of the best ways to keep your faith strong and prevent it from becoming weak is to quote verses of scripture that cover what you've already prayed about. This helps to keep your mind on the answer, and not the problem. It also helps keep your faith in continued action. James 2:17 & 20 say that faith without action is dead.

Abraham kept calling those things that be not as though they were. He didn't consider his or his wife's body as being dead. He only considered what God had said. He went by what was spoken and he just kept giving glory to God that he had received what God had promised (Romans 4:17 - 21).

When Jesus was told that Lazarus was dead, Jesus said, **Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always...** (John 11:41 - 42). Apparently, Jesus had already prayed the prayer of faith for Lazarus' healing. When they told Jesus that Lazarus was already dead, He refused to waver or wonder. He still stayed in faith and refused to be moved by what He'd heard about Lazarus. In the midst of bad news, Jesus began to thank God. He refused to believe that even though Lazarus was dead, that God had not heard His prayer, or that God had failed or let Him down. This is the kind of faith that removes mountains and moves God!

God intends for all believers to have unwavering, unshaken, unchangeable faith. Every believer can develop this kind of faith by exercising it. Hearing evil reports, bad news, or of conditions getting worse is no indication to quit believing God. That's not the time to lose control. Just stay in faith and keep praising and rejoicing that the Lord is God, and His Word never fails!

Seven Essential Faith Rules:

RULE #1: Faith believes that it has received what it has prayed for: *Mark 11:24*

RULE #2: Faith never wavers or wonders; it patiently believes it has received: *James 1:5-8*

RULE #3: Faith speaks of those things that don't exist as though they do exist: *Romans 4:17*

RULE #4: Faith never loses its confession *of I believe I have received* : *Hebrews 10:23*

RULE #5: Faith gives glory to God that it has what it has prayed for: *Romans 4:20*

RULE #6: Faith walks in love; never in strife: *Galatians 5:6; James 3:14 & 16*

RULE #7: Faith forgives everybody of everything: *Mark 11:25-26*

Faith Checklist

2 Corinthians 13:5:

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...

1. BE FULLY PERSUADED

Romans 4:21

2. REFUSE TO DOUBT

Mark 5:36, Mark 11:23

3. RUN THE DEVIL OFF

Matthew 4:1-11, James 4:7

4. TAKE A STAND

1 Corinthians 16:13

5. BOLDLY CONFESS YOUR FAITH

Numbers 13:30

6. CALL THINGS INTO EXISTENCE

Romans 4:17

7. SEE THE ANSWER

Proverbs 4:21, Proverbs 23:7, Hebrews 11:19

8. TALK THE ANSWER

2 Kings 4:26, John 11:11

9. BE STRONG IN FAITH

Romans 4:20

10. GIVE GLORY TO GOD

Romans 4:20, Luke 17:15

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