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## QUOTES ABOUT PRAYER

"God loves to magnify his glory in the lives of his people. So he designed prayer as a way for this to happen", John Piper, *The Pleasures of God*

"The determination of the human will is insufficient, unless the Lord grant it victory in answer to prayer that it enter not into temptation." - St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD), *On Grace and Free Will*

"Prayer is not intended to give information to God, but to impress our own minds with a sense of our dependence upon him, and to give him glory as the only fountain of all our benefits." - Revd. Charles Simeon (1759-1836), *Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible: Volume 11 (Matthew 7:7-8)*

"Despair not, because you do not get an answer immediately. While you are speaking, Jesus is listening." - Bishop J. C. Ryle (1816-1900), *Practical Religion*

"The most wonderful thing about the Bible is that it reveals a God who satisfies his appetite for joy by answering prayers. He has no deficiency in himself that he needs to fill up, so he gets his satisfaction by magnifying the glory of his riches by filling up the deficiencies of people who pray." John Piper, *The Pleasures of God*

"Thus wilt thou pray without ceasing; if thou prayest not only in words, but unitest thyself to God through all the course of life" - St Basil the Great (330-379 AD), *Homily V*

"We turn to thee, O Lord, with our whole hearts, in praying, in fasting, in lamenting and sorrowing for our offences." - Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556), *A Homily against Rebellion*

"But we are to pray for this, that the will of God may be done as in heaven so in earth." - St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD), *On the Sermon of the Mount*

"Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul." - Revd. John Stott (1921-2011), *Growing in the Prayer Life*

"It is good for me to draw near to God", Abraham Kuyper, *To Be Near unto God*

"Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. And prayer is the turning away from ourselves to God in the confidence that He will provide the help we need. Prayer humbles us as needy and exalts God as wealthy", John Piper, *Desiring God, Revised Edition: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist*, p.161

"Come, my soul, with every care, Jesus loves to answer prayer." - Revd. John Newton (1725-1807), *Encouragement to Pray*

"Both prayer and praise widens the heart for receiving more of Christ's fullness." - Revd. Robert Traill (1642-1716), *Sermon II concerning the Throne of Grace*

"[God's] Spirit inspires our spirit to pray what he wants prayed. And things begin to change." - Bishop Sandy Millar, *All I want is you: A collection of Christian reflections*

"Prayer is not writing 'help' on a piece of paper, putting it in a bottle and throwing it out to sea in the hope that someone will read it and do something. Prayer is talking to a heavenly Father in the total security of being in his family." *Fresh Pathways in Prayer*, Julian Hardyman.

"Strong in the everlasting Name, and in my Father's care, I trust in him, I trust in him, who hears and answers prayer." - Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024), *Safe in the Shadow*

"Prayer is both conversation and encounter with God. . . We must know the awe of praising his glory, the intimacy of finding his grace, and the struggle of asking his help, all of which can lead us to know the spiritual reality of his presence." Tim Keller, *Prayer*

"Humble prayer wins divine assistance." - St Fulgentius of Ruspe (465-533 AD), *Letter 4 to Proba*

"A triune God would call us to converse with him . . . because he wants to share the joy he has. Prayer is our way of entering into the happiness of God himself.", Tim Keller, *Prayer*

"If we are to take seriously the pattern of prayer that Jesus has given us, petitionary prayer is in itself the characteristic form of prayer that he has planned for his children; it must not be belittled." - Revd. Dick Lucas, *To Pray Is To Ask*

"Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting." - A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom, *Book of Common Prayer*