

new PRAYER

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”
(Mark 11:24)*

Prayer may be a new practice for you, it may be something that was done during holidays, before a meal, only by the pastor or maybe only in emergencies. Prayer is so much more than something we do casually or as an afterthought. We read in the Bible that Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer, He taught his disciples and others about prayer. Prayer wasn't an option for Jesus it was the most important thing.

Prayer is the way we connect our hearts to the Fathers. It's how we ask for help and how to say, “thank you.” Prayer is also a way we learn to hear the voice of God. It can give us the strength we need in difficult circumstances, gives us peace, provides direction when we need answers, changes our perspective, encourages our souls when we feel weary. When we pray, we aren't making requests to the sky hoping it lands on someone's ears, we are talking to the Creator of all things seen and unseen. We are calling on the One who can do the impossible, and Jeremiah 29:12-13 says, “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” He hears you when you pray and not just hears, but He also acts.

Prayer is a powerful tool we possess. There is power in our prayers when we use the name of Jesus. Often times we can pray safe prayers, not wanting to ask too much but just enough to get by. What if we began to ask God what breaks His heart, and begin to pray for healing and restoration in those areas. What if we asked God to show us the things around us that don't look like heaven or things that are not the way God intended them to be and we begin to pray

and intercede for God to move in a powerful way to bring things back to their original design. What if we asked God to restore broken marriages, believing He can do it. What if we prayed for people suffering from mental health challenges to be completely healed, what if we prayed for God to heal the sick, what if we prayed for peace in war torn nations, what if we prayed for those in leadership instead of gossiping about them, what if we invited God to get involved in the problems in our world?

When we pray, we don't do it with a selfish motive trying to manipulate God into doing what WE want, rather when we pray we ask God what HIS will is for situations and we pray for that. When our prayers are in alignment with God's will things change and transform. When we pray God's will, we get out of the way and ask Him to do what only He can do. However, faith without works is dead so when we pray we have to be willing to say, "God if this is a challenge you want me to solve or be a part of the solution, use me." We have to be willing to pray for the miraculous, then be willing for God to use us to accomplish it. Sometimes our only role is to pray and believe for God to move and sometimes God will call on us to be the hands and feet to help facilitate His will here on earth.

This year He is calling on us to pray a new prayer, to seek Him in a new way, to hear His voice in a new way, to intercede in a new way and to believe in a new way.

PRAYER

FATHER, YOU ARE SO WORTHY OF MY TIME AND ATTENTION, YOU ALONE ARE HOLY, YOU ALONE ARE GREAT, YOU ALONE ARE POWERFUL. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME WHEN I PRAY AND CARING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT CONCERN ME. MOVE IN POWER AND MIGHT, TEACH ME TO PRAY IN A NEW WAY, REVEAL NEW THINGS TO ME ABOUT WHO YOU ARE WHEN I PRAY. I ASK THAT YOU WOULD TEACH TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND GIVE ME THE HUNGER TO OBEY. WOULD YOU OPEN MY EYES TO THE THINGS YOU SEE, WOULD YOU BREAK MY HEART FOR THE THINGS THAT BREAK YOURS. I ASK THAT YOU WOULD GIVE ME A PASSION TO SEE HEAVEN HERE ON EARTH, THAT I WOULD PRAY AND BELIEVE IF IT'S NOT