**Famous People on Prayer**

**Do you wish to pray in the temple? Pray in your own heart. But begin by being God’s temple, for He will listen to those who invoke Him in His temple. *(St. Augustine)***

**Do what you can do, and pray for what you cannot yet do. *(St. Augustine)***

**Pray like it all depends on God, but work like it all depends on you. *(St. Augustine)***

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**When life knocks you to your knees, and it will, why, get up! If it knocks you to your knees again, as it will, well, isn’t that the best position from which to pray? *(Ethel Barrymore, American actress)***

**Courage is fear that has said its prayers. *(Karl Barth)***

**It is not well for a man to pray cream, and live skim milk. *(Henry Ward Beecher, in Life Thoughts)***

**What’s best about prayer is that it involves very little effort and no risk. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Potshots)***

**Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers. *(Garth Brooks, country singer)***

**Dear Father, you know for what I am praying, and I trust you to help me to realize that which is best about it. *(Nona L. Brooks)***

**Prayer is not only worship, it is an invisible emanation of man's Spirit, the most power form of energy that can be generated. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as that of secreting glands. As a physician, I have seen men, after all other therapy has failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the supreme effort of prayer. It is the only power of nature. Prayer is a source of luminous and self-generating energy. *(Dr. Alexis Carrel)***

**God answers all the prayers. Sometimes he answers “yes,” sometimes he answers “no,” and sometimes the answer is “you gotta be kidding.” *(Jimmy Carter, on "Larry King Live")***

**The purpose of prayer is not to influence God to grant you special favors, but rather to remind yourself that you are always connected to God. *(Dr. Wayne W. Dyer)***

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**The quieter the mind, the more powerful, the worthier, the deeper, the more telling and more perfect the prayer is. *(Meister Eckhart)***

**If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. *(Meister Eckhart)***

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**True prayer is not asking God for love; it is learning to love, and to include all mankind in one affection. *(Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science)***

**Prayer gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in crisis and then the confidence to leave the result to the Higher Power. *(General Dwight D. Eisenhower)***

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**No man ever prayed heartily without learning something. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson, in Nature)***

**The wise man in the storm prays to God not for safety from danger, but the deliverance from fear. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

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**Prayer is the exercise of faith in the presence and power of the unseen God. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 11)***

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**Prayer does change things. Prayer does make things to happen quite otherwise than they would have happened had the prayer not been made. It makes no difference at all what sort of difficulty you may be in. It does not matter what the causes may have been that led up to it. Enough prayer will get you out of your difficulty, if only you will be persistent enough in your appeal to God. *(Emmet Fox, in The Sermon on the Mount, p. 11)***

**Realize that prayer is a visit with God and should be restful and joyous -- not an unwelcomed task. An understanding joy in living is the highest prayer of all. *(Emmet Fox)***

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**When your prayer is ended, gather together the essence of your devout meditations, as it were, in a little bouquet, and keep it before you throughout the day. *(St. Francis de Sales)***

**Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening. *(Mohandas K. Gandhi)***

**You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance. *(Kahlil Gibran)***

**Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God. *(Rev. Billy Graham)***

**Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees. *(Victor Hugo)***

**The exercise of prayer, in those who habitually exert it, must b e regarded by doctors as the most adequate and normal of all the pacifiers of the mind and calmers of the nerves. *(William James, in Essays on Faith and Morals)***

**They say over in France the wine region is going through an incredible heat wave, destroying all the crops. The crops are ruined and this has devastated the French economy. Proving once again: Prayer works. *(Jay Leno)***

**I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me. *(C. S. Lewis)***

**Lord, where we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right, make us easy to live with. *(Peter Marshall)***

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**Every great movement can be tracedto one kneeling figure. *(Dwight L. Moody)***

**A man who prays much in private will make short prayers in public. *(Dwight L. Moody)***

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**The soul of prayer is a soul of profound silence. We must get accustomed to the silence of the spirit and tongue. We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. *(Mother Teresa)***

**Spring is when a boy mantis sees a girl mantis and finally realizes what he's been praying for. *(Robert Orben)***

**Prayer doesn't change things for us, it changes us for things. *(Norman Vincent Peale)***

**William Shakespeare frequently used the word "orison" in his writings, including Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, and Henry VI. What is an orison? It's simply a prayer. *(Kathy Wolfe, in Tidbits)***

**Groanings which cannot be uttered are often prayers which cannot be refused. *(C. H. Spurgeon)***

**More things are wrought in prayer than this world dreams of. *(Tennyson)***

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**From silly devotions and from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us. *(St.* *Teresa of Avila)***

**More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones. *(St.* *Teresa of Avila)***

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**In certain trying circumstances, urgent circumstances, desperate circumstances, profanity furnishes a relief denied even to prayer. *(Mark Twain)***

**I don't know of a single foreign product that enters this country untaxed except the answer to prayer. *(Mark Twain)***

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**I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: "O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous." And God granted it. *(Voltaire)***

**I pray that you all put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you gotta get on your knees in the morning to find them. And while you're down there thank God for grace and mercy and understanding. *(Denzel Washington, Oscar-winning actor)***

 **I don’t pray because I don’t want to bore God. *(Orson Wells)***

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