**Prayer - Ponderings**

**For wherever two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.   
*(St. Matthew 18:20)*  
  
And whatever you ask in my name,   
I will do it for you,   
so that the Father may be glorified through his Son.    
*(St. John 14:13)*  
Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.    
*(Romans 12:2)*  
Pray without ceasing,  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:17)*  
And the smoke of the incense,   
which came with the prayers of the saints,   
ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.   
*(Revelation 8:4)***

**When all else fails, pray. *(Evelyn Beilenson, in Motherhood Is Not For Sissies)***

**It is strange that in our praying we seldom ask for a change of character, but always a change in circumstances. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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

**In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart. *(Paul Lee Tan)***

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

**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)***

**Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things. *(Samuel Shoemaker)***

**When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I do not, they don’t. *(William Temple)***

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

**When you are all fouled up, I don’t want you praying for me. I got enough problems. *(Walter Fiscus)***

**It is easier to pray for four million people than to pray for one, because I stand the thought of leaving anyone out. *(Walter Fiscus)***

**Praying is so easy, you can do it with your eyes closed! *(Anonymous)***

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

**As we grow in understanding of the Truth of our relationship with God, as we begin to see ourselves in the light of our divinity, prayer becomes an experience in the silence. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You)***

**The only footprints on the sands of time, that will really last, are the ones made after knee-prints! *(C. W. Renwick)***

**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 Eisenhower)***

**A respected mentor once remarked, “Grandma, in her rocking chair, praying to the Lord for mercy to the nations, may be doing more to change the course of history for good than those who walk the halls of the United Nations.” Jesus points to children and says, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). Truly, what the world might deem less important is greatly significant in God's kingdom. *(Thomas R. Zehnder, in Portals of Prayer)***

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

**A thought to remember: When it’s hardest to pray is when you should pray the hardest. *(Reminisce magazine)***

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

**If your day is hemmed in prayer, it is less likely to unravel. *(Ken Hittle)***

**George Muller said that the most important part of prayer was the fifteen minutes after he had said “Amen.” *(Paul Lee Tan)***

**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)***

**Never pray for justice, because you might get some. *(Margaret Atwood)***

**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)***

**So often I call upon you to pray when my heart is heavy, and my needs are great.  But too often, I neglect to include you in the celebration when my heart is overflowing with joy and my needs have been met. *(Cecelia Kingston)***

**It is not enough to say prayers, one must be prayer. One should not offer what one has, but what one is. *(Paul Evdokimov)***

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

**The object of most prayers is to wangle an advance on good intentions. *(Robert Brault)***

**If one person prays in a spirit of love and faith and lifts himself into oneness with God, then all who are attuned in thought with him are lifted into that oneness, no matter whether they are sitting side by side or are on opposite sides of the earth. *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity, p. 84)***

**Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? *(Corrie ten Boom)***

**When the outlook is bad, try the up-look! *(Paul Lee Tan)***

**The value of persistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will finally hear Him. *(William McGill, in Simpson’s Contemporary Quotations)***

**When it looks as if God isn’t coming through on His promises, you can’t assume He’s going to withhold good from you. He never withholds, but sometimes postpones the delivery of His blessings, if by a postponement He can bring you greater good in the end. God will sometimes postpone His blessing to get a chance to purify you. God’s motive is solely for your ultimate good. *(Russ Johnston, in God Can Make It Happen)***

**The friend listened patiently and then made a suggestion: “Don’t prey on him. Pray for him.” *(Mary Manin Morrissey)***

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

**The purpose of prayer is to leave us alone with God. *(Leo Baeck, in Essence of Judaism)***

**There is no one right way to pray. Nobody’s way of prayer is like anyone else’s.  In short, if you are praying, you are already doing it right. *(Roberta Bondi)***

**To pray is no small thing. It is nothing less than a sacred pilgrimage into the heart of the whole world. *(Wayne Muller)***

**Don’t pray for God to send you honest people if you want to learn how to love. *(Walter Fiscus)***

**Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. *(Phillips Brooks, in Unity magazine)***

**It has always fascinated me that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to do one thing. “Lord, teach us how to pray.” *(Phil Barnhart, in Seasonings for Sermons)***

**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)***

**Everyone prays whether they realize it or not, for the truth is your every thought is a prayer. *(Roy E. Fox)***

**In prayer we are vulnerable, we stand naked and alone. All our thoughts of self-sufficiency have been laid to rest, and we no longer look to power for the protection of our soul. *(Adolfo Quezada)***

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

**If, when you are praying, you hold the thought that it is really God who is working through you, your prayers will gain immeasurably in efficiency.  Say, “God is inspiring me.” If, when you have any ordinary thing to do, you hold the thought, “Divine Intelligence is working through me now,” you will perform the most difficult tasks with astonishing success. *(Emmet Fox)*  
  
The wish to pray is a prayer in itself. *(Georges Bernanos, in The Diary of a Country Priest)***

**Seven days without prayer makes one weak. *(The Bible Friend)***

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

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