

## Steps To Answered Prayer

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### 1 John 5:14-15

*“Learning to pray effectively is one of the most important things any believer can do. Prayer is your most important function!” ~ E.W. Kenyon*



There are many kinds of prayer – each have different rules.

A **Prayer of Petition** is a prayer that includes personal needs and the needs of others. Prayers are a form of communication with God. Prayers of petition are also known as prayers of supplication.

**Petition.** A written request signed by a person or numerous individuals to some governing body or public official asking that authority be exercised to grant relief, favors, or privileges. A formal application made to a court in writing that requests action on a certain matter.

### Find Scriptures That Cover Your Need (The Prayer of Petition)

1. God’s Word is our Prayer Book; our prayer life must be built on the Word.

**I John 5:14-15** He cannot make this any clearer; be specific, stand and declare God’s Word in prayer.

- Be confident
- Be free and fearless
- Show cheerful courage

‘Ask’ to request for something to be given, a continuous action

- ‘His will’ – the Word of God shows us God’s will for our life.
- Our faith can begin where His will is known; when we ask according to His Word, He hears us.
- If we know that He hears then we know that we have what we have asked for.
  - a. Our Health \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Our Finances \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Our Family \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Our Strength \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Our Joy \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. Our Peace \_\_\_\_\_

- Don’t be quick to pray. Find Scriptures to STAND on.

Even though **I John 5:14-15** is true, you still have a fight on your hands

**I Timothy 6:12** When it comes to natural things people will fight for what belongs to them.

- When the Word says something belongs to you then it does belong to you.

*“Don’t be satisfied with second-best in life!” – Brother Hagin*

We Must Be Ruthless.... having or showing no pity or compassion when it comes to fighting our enemy!

**‘Fight’** to battle it out; contend in the athletic games for the prize; a continuous action.

- a. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** be ruthless with your thoughts. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Proverbs 18:21** be ruthless with your mouth. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. **I Corinthians 9:27** be ruthless with your body. \_\_\_\_\_
  - To literally compete for a prize, to figuratively contend with an adversary.
  - To endeavor to accomplish something, to labor fervently; to strain every nerve; to put forth effort

**Who is our opponent?** Satan and evil principalities and powers of course. We also battle thoughts of condemnation; fears; accusations against God; doubts; emotions; temptation; feelings...

“Good Fight” and “Good Confession”... It’s good for us because we have already won. We just need to enforce the victory. We have God/others watching and cheering us on.

‘Lay hold of eternal life’ seize; take possession of – the God kind of life. This is not a fight go to heaven – this is a fight for God’s blessings while here on earth, the devil will try to stop those blessings.

It is up to you to fight the good fight of faith and receive what the Word says and is legally yours.

**Joshua 1:8** ‘this Book’ not books about this Book

- a. ‘Meditate’ active recitation; re-speaking of God’s Word; mutter; ‘day and night’ it takes time to renew our mind and get God’s Word into our spirit to counter the world’s info
- b. ‘Observe to do’ you will not do the Word if you do not take the time to build your faith in the Word
- c. ‘Then’ not until then; ‘you...prosperous...you.... good success’ answered prayer and success in life is up to us and not the Lord

**Joshua 23:14** "Not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed."

**Psalms 119:10-16** “Your word have I hid in my heart..” (this happens by meditating the Word)

- Stored up, to hoard, to lay up...

**Psalms 119:89** “Forever, O LORD, your word stands firm in heaven.”

**Ephesians 6:17** In order to fight well you must learn how to use the sword of the Spirit (God’s Word)

- To become skilled in the ‘Word’ you need to get fluent in speaking the Word out of your mouth and believing it in your spirit.

**Isaiah 55:11** “It is the same with my Word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”