

Prayers to Grow By: Shaped and Formed by Prayer

A Lesson from the Empire State building

It's not the destination, but the j_____.

March 17, 19__ limestone, wood, marble, brick, _____ and _____ were used to complete its building.

Why Pray?

“Of all the Spiritual Disciplines, prayer is the most central because it ushers us into perpetual c_____ with the Father.”

“... it is the discipline of prayer that brings us into the deepest and highest work of the human spirit. To pray is to c_____.”

He goes on to say, “Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us. If we are unwilling to change, we will abandon prayer as a noticeable characteristic of our lives....”

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Prayers from the scriptures

Psalm 23 brings comfort

Psalm 51 for confession

Psalm 121 offers guidance

Others? _____

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

Can you think of a time when you were about to do a new thing and people surrounded you in prayer and offered you godly principles and guidance? _____

Prayers for Planting Season

I pray that out of the glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And... I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with the Lords holy people, To grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-21 NIV

We can have desire for good spiritual things in the lives of others... but we can't make someone else a C_____. We can't make someone else fall in love with God. We can't make a tree bear fruit – especially one that is not r_____.

The Ephesian prayer is a b_____/ _____ prayer.

Possible Next Steps

- 1) Write your own prayer in a journal (or typed), reflecting on your faith journey, believing in what God still wants to do in your life.
- 2) Consider and meditate upon a meaningful Psalm
- 3) Make a list of 3 people that you can help become 'rooted in Christ'.

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