

The Holy Spirit

And The Praying Church

In prayer, God wants us to experience strength, wisdom, and effectiveness.

Prayer

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

Romans 8:26-27 NIVUK

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**“Do not be like them, for your Father knows what
you need before you ask him.
‘This, then, is how you should pray...’”**

Matthew 6:8-9 NIVUK

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3 Questions For Praying With The Holy Spirit:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. What is His role in prayer?
3. What can we expect?

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- * **He is God.** (Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- * **He is a person.** (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- * **He indwells.** (John 20:22, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 1:13-14)
- * **He comes upon.** (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, 2:1-4)

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2. What is His role in prayer?

- a. **To strengthen the weak.** (Romans 8:26)
- b. **To make wise the ignorant.** (Romans 8:26)
- c. **To make useful the ineffective.** (Romans 8:27)

“But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.”

Jude 1:20-21 NIVUK

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3. What can we expect?

- a. **Hear the Holy Spirit** (Acts 13:1-2, John 14-16)
- b. **Unity** (John 17:20-23, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:14, 2:44, Psalm 133)
- c. **Divine Intervention** (Acts 4:31, 12:5-12, 16:16-40)
- d. **Sustained Power and Presence** (Romans 5:1-5, Ephesians 6:10-13)

3. What can we expect?

- e. **Genuine Knowledge of God** (John 17:3, Ephesians 1:17-23)
- f. **Overcoming Temptation and Evil** (Matthew 26:41, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- g. **Complete Armor of God** (Ephesians 6:18)

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Suggestions for applying this message:

1. Yield to the Holy Spirit.
2. Ask Him to help you.
3. Pray with others.
4. Pray consistently.