

Pray practical prayers

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray at all times and not lose heart: ²“In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected men. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept appealing to him, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect men, ⁵yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice. Then she will stop wearing me out with her perpetual requests.’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to the words of the unjust judge. ⁷Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry out to Him day and night? Will He continue to defer their help? ⁸I tell you, He will promptly carry out justice on their behalf. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

Luke 18:1-8

..... **is the prayer God answers? v7**

God answers according to
‘He cannot deny Himself’ 2 Tim. 2:13

God answers according to
‘because you do not ask’ James 4:2

..... **does God answer prayer? v7**

God answers prayer
‘while I was praying’ Daniel 9:20-21

God answers prayer
‘line upon line’ Isaiah 28:9-10

God answers prayer
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..... **is the pray-er God answers? v1,8**

God answers those who are
‘Pray without ceasing’ 1 Thessalonians 5:17

God answers those who are
‘do not faith’ Galatians 6:9

God answers those who are
‘must prove faithful’ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 24 Taina M. May T.
- M 25 Phil & Louise. Mark & Lisa, Thomas
- T 26 Aileen & George
- W 27 Ray & Helen
- T 28 Geoff & Joy
- F 29 Steve & Jenny
- S 30 Bill B, Lorna T. other past members
- S 31 Moses & Sharon, Elizabeth, Ruth, Joseph

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. In what ways are the prayers you pray in good times different from the prayers you pray in hard times?
2. Read Matthew 6:8. God already knows what we are going to pray. But list some advantages of praying anyway.
3. This (Lk.18:1-8) is not the only time Jesus endorsed prayers that nag God (Lk.11:5-10). Why should we repeat the same prayers?
4. A repeated theme in this text is “justice” (v3, 5, 7, 8). Why would God answer a prayer for justice? What are some downsides of asking for justice; and is there a better outcome to seek?
5. How can you tell if the answer to your prayer is “No” or “Yes, but later”? What do you do in these circumstances?
6. What are some things I can do that might make someone say, “You are an answer to prayer”?

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