

Invitation to Pray

by C.H. Spurgeon

God encourages us to pray, promising to answer His pleading people in their anguish and invent new blessings for them.

Scripture: Psalm 34:17, Isaiah 65:24, Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9-10, John 16:24, Romans 8:26-27, Philippians 4:6-7, James 5:16, 1 John 5:14

Topics: "God's Promises", "Prayer"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the divine invitation to pray, asserting that God actively encourages His people to call upon Him, promising to answer and reveal great and mighty things. He refutes the notion that prayer is merely a mental exercise, affirming that God, who created our ears, surely hears our cries. Spurgeon reassures believers that God will respond to their anguish with wonders beyond their imagination, providing blessings and support in times of need. He encourages the faithful to approach God with confidence, knowing that He delights in their prayers and is eager to respond. Ultimately, Spurgeon calls for a joyful and earnest commitment to prayer as a vital aspect of the believer's life.

Transcript

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. (Jeremiah 33:3)

God encourages us to pray. They tell us that prayer is a pious exercise which has no influence except upon the mind engaged in it. We know better. Our experience gives the lie a thousand times over to this infidel assertion. Here Jehovah, the living God, distinctly promises to answer the prayer of His servant. Let us call upon Him again and admit no doubt upon the question of His hearing us and answering us. He that made the ear, shall He not hear? He that gave parents a love to their children, will He not listen to the cries of His own sons and daughters!

God will answer His pleading people in their anguish. He has wonders in store for them.

What they have never seen, heard of, or dreamed of, He will do for them. He will invent new blessings if needful. He will ransack sea and land to feed them: He will send every angel out of heaven to succor them if their distress requires it. He will astound us with His grace and make us feel that it was never before done in this fashion. All He asks of us is that we will call upon Him. He cannot ask less of us. Let us cheerfully render Him our prayers at once.

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