

Are You Confused About Prayer?

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David Wilkerson addresses the confusion surrounding prayer and emphasizes the vital role of the Holy Spirit in guiding our communication with God.

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Description

David Wilkerson addresses the confusion surrounding prayer, emphasizing that the Holy Spirit aids us in our weaknesses and intercedes for us when we struggle to know how to pray. He highlights the overwhelming nature of global events that can deter people from praying, yet insists that prayer is essential for finding peace and comfort in tumultuous times. Wilkerson encourages believers to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide their prayers, assuring them that through prayer, they can experience the presence of Christ, the sealing of God's promises, and the comfort that only the Spirit can provide.

Transcript

"The Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26). The Holy Spirit has come to lead us into a life of prayer.

We can get so confused about prayer, making it seem so complicated. There are multitudes of theories that bring confusion and raise all kinds of questions: "When does prayer become intercession? Is intercession measured by fervency, or loudness, or the amount of time spent on my knees? How will I know I am praying in God's will? Do mental prayers count? What, exactly, do I pray for?"

Such confusion can be overwhelming and might actually keep people from praying. Yet there has never been a time when the prayers of God's people were more needed. Even in his ancient time, Paul said of the earth, "The whole creation groans" (Romans 8:22). Reports of devastation and impending doom come at us from all sides and such reports are overwhelming people worldwide. Christians are not exempt from the stress of what is happening in our world.

As global events worsen, conspiring to rob people of peace, societies everywhere are looking for a source of comfort. But they are not finding it in psychotherapy, in dead religion, in causes, even in charity. Our only resource for such a time is the prayer of faith.

Here are just a few powerful ways the Holy Spirit plays a role in our prayers:

It is in prayer that the Holy Spirit manifests the presence of Christ in us.

It is in prayer that the Spirit seals God's promises in our hearts.

It is in prayer that the Comforter speaks hope to us.

It is in prayer that the Spirit releases his rivers of comfort, peace and rest in our souls.

Pray this prayer: "Holy Spirit, keep me in close communion with Jesus. Do not let me neglect my time alone with the One my soul loves. Keep me on my knees, then I will know your comfort."

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