

Prayer is an Act of Faith

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Scripture-Luke 11:2, 9-10- “And he said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come...And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.’”

Insights- Jesus explains to us how we should pray. We should pray for God to be glorified and for his will, and his kingdom, to be done. Jesus encourages us to pray and promises that when we do he will answer. What a beautiful promise! But we must pray in faith, for if we don't Scripture says that we won't receive anything (James 1:5-8). And what is faith? “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). So, prayer is an act of faith because when we pray we are asking God to do that which he has already promised, but that which hasn't happened yet. Beloved church let us pray believing God and believing in his promises, for “with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

Today's Prayer Focus- Pray for God's name to be “hallowed”, to be honored and glorified, and for his “kingdom come” on earth as it is in heaven. With this week's emphasis being on God's mission, pray that all the people groups and nations of the earth would come to a saving knowledge of God the Father, and his son Jesus Christ, and that they would worship him in spirit and in truth. When we pray for this we pray according to God's promise to Abraham that “all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 12:3) and we pray in faith that God will accomplish his purpose of receiving glory “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages” (Revelation 7:9-10) worshipping him for all eternity.

Prayer- Father God, may your name be hallowed in my heart, in the church, in this city, in the world. God, I want your kingdom to come here on earth as it is in heaven! Please O God, I beg you by the power of your Holy Spirit, reconcile lost people all over the earth to your son, Jesus Christ. God, use me individually, and use Living Hope Church, anyway you please to accomplish this! I surrender to you afresh. Please show me what part I can play to help see the nations reached with the message of the gospel. Give me faith to trust in your promises and give me faith to step out in obedience to your commands O Lord. Jesus, may you receive the reward of your suffering, the nations! I ask all of this for your glory, in the name of Jesus, Amen.