

Praying for others

40 Days of Prayer week 3

1. It takes faith – a tiny bit!

"I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." Matthew 17:20

Myth of the week: "My prayers are not important because what will be will be."

"But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him." Acts 12:5

"When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!"

¹⁵ *"You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel."*

¹⁶ *Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed."*
Acts 12:14-16

"Through prayer we can cross the space-time manifold of the cosmos and converse with God...Prayer must be considered the most powerful capacity God has made available to us." Dr Hugh Ross, astrophysicist

"The hinge of history is the bended knee." Pete Greig

2. A regular routine helps

"But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer." Luke 5:16

3. Pray in Jesus name

"You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father." John 14:13

- I. By His authority
- II. With His approval
- III. For His glory

"The big deal about prayer is not that we get what we ask for, but that God is glorified in our getting it." Ron Dunn

4. Pray from your heart for everyone

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning's that cannot be expressed in words." Romans 8:26

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

² *Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity." 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven." Matt 5:44-45

Prayers from the bible to pray for others:

Ephesians 1:17-19

Ephesians 3:14-19

Philippians 1:9-11

Colossians 1:9-12