

# Kinds Of Prayer – A Brief Review

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*Ephesians 6:18 KJV - Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*

“Use every kind of prayer.” (Goodspeed )

“Pray with all manner of prayer.” (AMP)

“Pray...with all kinds of prayers....” (NIV )

“Pray...with all kinds of prayers that are available for you to use....” (REV)

**“Keys” Illustration** – “Different Keys unlock Different Doors. I cannot use the same key on every door. Different locations require different keys to get me where I wish to go.” PICTURE YOURSELF TRYING TO USE THE SAME KEY TO GET INTO EVERY PLACE!

**“Tools” Illustration** – “I use different tools to accomplish different jobs: Pliers, Needle Nose Pliers, Phillips head Screwdriver, Flat Screwdriver, Hammer, Drill, Band Saw, Circular Saw, Nail Gun, et., etc.” PICTURE YOURSELF TRYING TO UNSCREW A PHILLIPS HEAD SCREW WITH A CIRCULAR SAW!

**“Kitchen” Illustration** - Microwave, Cookie Sheet, Skillet, Frying Pan, Toaster, Coffee Pot. PICTURE YOURSELF TRYING TO COOK A 12 POUND TURKEY IN A TOASTER!

**“Soldier” Illustration** – A soldier doesn’t use the same thing for every situation. He is issued many tools and weapons. He is issued a computer and a cell phone. A soldier is equipped with a communication radio, a rifle, his sidearm – a pistol, a dagger, a knife, night-vision goggles, a helmet, kneepads, a bullet-proof vest, a GPS navigation unit, and he can call for different kinds of fire support at any time. Air support from fighter planes, artillery, mortar rounds, helicopter gunship, unmanned aerial vehicle, or backup reinforcements. PICTURE YOURSELF AS A LONE SOLDIER ON THE BATTLEFIELD WITH NOTHING BUT A POCKET KNIFE, NO OTHER WEAPONS, AND NO OTHER HELP FROM OTHERS.

*But this is exactly what we do every day, accidentally, when it comes to our praying!  
Instead, we should employ different kinds of prayers to obtain different kinds of results!*

**We often employ several different kinds of prayer together. But it is extremely helpful to define the different types of prayer so we can apply them properly, even if we combine them on occasion.**

● **Prayer Of Faith** - Usually in conjunction with the prayer of petition explained below. The prayer of faith is boldly speaking a command of faith against a problem... ALOUD! – *Mark 11:22-23 KJV - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

† Jesus taught that we can have what we say. We can possess what we confess. Like God who created everything with words, we too can speak creatively, making bold faith commands.

● **Prayer of Petition** – When you need something spiritual or something tangible and practical from God. *Mark 11:24 KJV - Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

† According to Jesus in verse 24 above, the key to answered prayer is: ***“I gotta believe I got it before I get it!”*** **Say it aloud with your own lips: *“I gotta believe I got it before I get it!”*** If you wait to see it before you will believe it, you’ll never get it! You can’t just HOPE God heard you. You can’t just HOPE it will happen. You’ve got to believe it’s a done deal BEFORE you see it. See 1 John 5:14-15, especially in the Amplified Version.

† A petition is a simple request prayed in simple faith. Jesus promised, *“Ask and ye shall receive!”*

† **Never, ever underestimate the power of a short and simple request in petition to the Father.** *“Lord, help me get my all my work done today. Lord, bless John and Betty today with peace and harmony. Father, give my doctor the mind of Christ for me at my appointment today. Father, give me wisdom and bless my memory as I take this exam today. Lord, help me find a good parking place today as I am in a hurry. Father, help me share Jesus with this man. Lord, I believe I receive my healing from this cough and congestion, in Jesus name. Father, give me grace to be like you in this situation.”*

† Summary of Mark 11:22-24: **REMOVE – RECEIVE - REJOICE!** 1) Remove the problem. 2) Receive the solution. 3) Rejoice like its already done! Or said in another way: 1) Speak its removal... aloud! 2) Find the scripture promise in The Word that answers your problem, and pray it back to God! 3) Act like it’s already on the way by getting happy! (You’ve placed your on Heaven’s website and you now anticipate the Fed Ex man’s arrival any day now!)

† The prayer of petition is also used by the believer to receive fresh forgiveness when he or she trips up and sins. Jesus said, *“Everyone that asketh, receiveth.”* (Matthew 7:8) And 1 John 1:9 says, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* It is wrong to punish yourself with guilt and shame when Jesus already died for the sin you just committed. Confess it, ask God for forgiveness, and expect Him to cleanse your heart as white as snow. Ask His help to keep you from repeating it. And even if you were to repeat it in the future, the Lord is quick to forgive and He is always the God of Another Chance, and Another, and Another...forever!

† *1 John 5: 14-15 AMP - And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.*

† To WHOM should we address our formal petitions and HOW? According to Jesus, we are to address our requests to THE FATHER Himself, NOT to Jesus. Jesus taught that because of our intimate and organic relationship with Him, we also have a direct hotline to the Father. According to Jesus, we are to go directly to the Father, and do so “in the name of Jesus.” See John 16:24, 16:26-27, John 15:16. Jesus taught in the Lord’s prayer that we are to ask, “Our Father...” Jesus did not come to earth and do what He did for us to establish a relationship with Him alone, but also to introduce us to our Father and to make us comfortable in the Father’s presence as well.

● **Prayer of Forgiveness – When you have been hurt or offended by another.** *Mark 11:25-26 KJV - And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

† Not just a cooling down of your emotions, but a specific time and place you go before God in prayer

and release another by name, ALOUD!

† Jesus stated over and over again in His teachings on prayer, the NECESSITY of forgiving our offenders. He taught repeatedly that if we should refuse to pass on the forgiveness He afforded us, then we will be “tormented” in some compartment of our lives. He connected our Vertical Relationship to Him with our Horizontal Relationships to other people. The vertical impacts the horizontal and vice versa. If Jesus commands us to do something, we CAN do it, with His help!

† We must purpose and pray to forgive those who have offended us in different ways. We must forgive those who have offended us: 1) Directly -or- Indirectly, 2) On Purpose -or- By Accident, 3) By Commission -or- By Omission, 4) By Word -or- By Deed, 5) To Our Face -or- Behind Our Back.

† THE TREE OF HATRED: Step One – An offence occurs which automatically triggers either active anger or passive anger. Step Two – If not dealt with in prayer before bedtime, that anger turns into a “Seed of Unforgiveness” by morning. (See Eph 4:26) Step Three – If that seed of unforgiveness is not uprooted in prayer soon, this seed grows deeper into the heart as a “Root of Bitterness.” (See Heb 12:15) Step Four - If that root of bitterness is not dealt with (and by this time the puppy has grown into a rabid monster), it grows into a “Tree of Hatred” and begins to infect everyone around us. Step Five – If that Hatred is not dealt with, we produce the “Fruit of Murder” by assassinating our own personality and/or assassinating the relationships of those around us. (And of course we all know many cases where literal murder has taken place. But no one murders anyone without first having grown a tree of hatred within themselves. They may end up murdering someone else other than the original people who made them bitter, but the result is nevertheless the same: Murder, in one form or another!)

† According to Jesus, Peter and Paul, UNFORGIVENESS is “Enemy Numero Uno” of our Prayer Life.

† My experience is that about once a year or two the enemy will try to “blindsided” me with such a serious offense from someone, that I am suddenly faced with a choice: To become a bitter person or a better person. I have to purposely DECIDE to become a better person by forgiving them in prayer and moving on with my life. “To become BITTER or BETTER, that is the question!”

● **Prayer of Supplication** – When ordinary petition just doesn’t give you the release or results you need.

*Hebrews 5:7 KJV – Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.*

† Supplication is simply a more fervent and desperate form of petition. Sometimes our hearts cannot get sufficient release by petition alone. Supplication is a more powerful and emotional form of petition that is more forceful. It’s not that you are having to twist the Father’s arm to give it to you; rather it’s your flesh and the forces of darkness that are trying to hinder your answer. The father is not reluctant to give anything to you; but sometimes your own flesh and demonic forces are fighting hard. *Daniel 10: 12-13 KJV - Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

† You know when you’ve really prayed, and you know when you haven’t! The old-timers used to have a saying: “Pray through!”

† When Distressed and Under Pressure: “Supplicate or Suffocate – It’s Your Choice!”

● **Prayer of Committal** – When you are plagued with worry, fear, and trying too hard in your mind to handle a

situation. *Psalm 55:22 KJV - Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

† *1 Peter 5:6-7 KJV - Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

† *1 Peter 5:6-7 AMP - Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, Casting the \*whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, \*once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you \*watchfully. [Ps 55:22.]*

† Worry is an accidental attempt to play God. When you worry, you are telling God, “I will handle this one myself. I do not believe You are big enough or smart enough to handle this!”

† “Father, I let You fix what I cannot fix. Lord, I let You understand what I cannot. Father I let You change whom I cannot change. Lord, I let You handle what I can’t handle.”

† “By faith, Lord, I do hereby cast this care and worry over onto Your shoulders (name it specifically). In the name of Jesus I release it You once and for all. When I get up from this place of prayer, it will no longer be my problem. From this moment forth, I place this care (name it again) squarely on Your shoulders. Your Word says that “the government shall be upon Your shoulders,” not mine. From this moment forward I categorically refuse to allow myself to wrestle with these thoughts any longer. If they come back to my mind, I will rebuke the thoughts, speak aloud that this situation is no longer mine to handle, and praise You for a few moments until my mind is cleared! In Jesus name I pray! Glory, this feels good! I am care-free, worry-free, released from all burdens and tormenting frustrations. Praise God, I am stress free!”

† We could also call this surrendering something to God, releasing it into His care, laying it at His feet, committing it into His hands, rolling it over on Him, or giving it up to Him.

† Most believers would do well to use this kind of prayer more often. It is a wonderful way to get things off one’s own shoulders and onto His. God did not design us to carry around heavy weights of worry and frustration. We need to learn to CAST THINGS OVER ON THE LORD in a specific way.

● **Prayer of Authority (Binding & Loosing)** When you need to take authority over the devil to get him off your back or out of your situation, or off someone else! – *1 Peter 5:8-9 KJV - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

† *James 4:7 KJV - 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

† *Matthew 18: 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

† *Mark 16:17 KJV - And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils...*

† One preacher says about the devil and demons, “When in doubt, cast them out!”

† Jesus “rebuked” devils. You must too!

● **Praying in Tongues** – Use your Holy Spirit prayer language at any time to pray the perfect will of God in a heavenly language. – In *Mark 16:17 KJV*, Jesus said, *...they shall speak with new tongues.* Jesus said this!!!

† ALL early believers prayed in tongues, not just “Pentecostals.” See my study guide, “[Pentecost Continues](#)” at Dr Dans Books at [www.devotional.net](http://www.devotional.net) . Or see [Holy Spirit Power 4 U](#) . What is commonly coined the Holy Spirit Baptism, or Glossolalia, or the Personal Prayer Language... IS FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN... AND IS NEEDED BY EVERY CHRISTIAN! All believers can and should speak in tongues (1 Co 14:5). If God offers it, you need it! If God offers it, you can have it! If God has ever offered it to anyone, He also offers it to you! Anyone who will not seriously research this facet of prayer and then pray to receive it, is too proud to admit their religious upbringing might be partially incorrect. Who wants a pair of shoes without the tongues in them? Who wants a new car without the engine under the hood? Who wants to be the Lord’s soldier without all the Lord’s weapons and equipment He issues? Once a believer is taught correctly about “tongues,” they easily receive! Always!

† The Apostle Paul clearly defined “speaking in tongues” as praying “in the spirit.” (1 Co 14:2)

† Tongues “EDIFIES” (charges up) your inner man, your spirit. (1 Co 14:4)

† Tongues is the “Sharing Divine Secrets” (“mysteries”) between your heart and God’s. (1 Co 14:2)

† Tongues can be interpreted (not translated, but “interpreted”) back to your mind in your native language. (1 Co 14:13)

† We should pray much in tongues. Paul said, “*I speak in tongues more than ye all.*” (1 Co 14:18)

† Paul teaches we should also “*sing in the Spirit*” in addition to “*praying in the spirit.*” (1 Co 14:15)

† A famous preacher once noted, “*He that hath received a Biblical experience is no longer at the mercy of him who only hath a theological argument!*” I want what God says I can have, more than I want to conform to some religious expert’s bad theology or my family’s longstanding beliefs (or doubts). Some Christian leaders today are too proud and “intellectual” to receive what God says they need. I choose to be more intelligent than the intellectuals by humbling myself to seek whatever God says belongs to me. I can read the Bible for myself! I don’t need some theologian to tell me what the Bible says. I want all God has for me! I need everything God says belongs to me! I need the secret weapon called my “prayer language.” Tongues are God’s Second Free Gift to me!

† Sometimes your prayer language flows with a faster bubbly sound, which is usually “praise to God.”

† Sometimes your prayer language flows with a slower more succinct sound, which is usually “prayer for yourself.”

† Sometimes your prayer language flows with an even slower, more groaning and laboring sound, which is usually “intercessory prayer for someone else.”

† *Romans 8:26 KJV - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

† PRAY MUCH IN TONGUES! I cannot overemphasize this. Praying in tongues is the doorway into the rest of the Gifts of the Spirit. Pray in tongues aloud. Sing to God in tongues too. Pray in tongues under your breath. Pray in tongues quietly while you are performing other menial tasks. Pray in tongues when someone is telling a dirty joke to protect your mind and heart from being infected. Pray in tongues at home, in your car, at work, in church. Pray in tongues along with your prayers in your native language, switching back and forth between the two. This will boost your level of prayer inspiration and accuracy. You can also pray in tongues when you are reading your Bible which result in making the scriptures more alive to you. Pray in tongues when you are laying your hands on the sick or casting the devil out of someone. (Maybe there is something you don’t know needs praying about, but that God knows MUST be prayed over someone.) You can whisper your prayer language under your breath at

any time. Pray in tongues long enough that you begin to feel charged up spiritually (“edified”). Enjoy prayer on a higher level by using your prayer language often! Don’t wait for the “goosey bumps” before you pray in tongues; instead take your liberty at anytime and in any place!

† I AM NOT ASHAMED OF POSSESSING SOMETHING THAT IS IN THE BIBLE! I AM NOT ASHAMED OF ENJOYING SOMETHING THAT ALL THE EARLY NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS ENJOYED. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!

● **Prayer of Agreement** – When you seem to need another believer to help you get hold of God, or when you offer to agree in prayer to help another believer receive an answer from God. *Matthew 18:19 KJV - Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

† When you know someone is standing with you in prayer, and you have heard them pray with you aloud over the matter, this gives you added incentive NOT to allow yourself to doubt while the answer is on the way. There is often the passing of a period of time between the time you pray and the answer manifests. Sometimes there is a passage of time between the time you say, “Amen” and the “There it is!” But “DELAY IS NOT DENIAL!” The prayer of agreement makes you feel more accountable, not just to God, but to your prayer partner, because you would feel bad to “break your agreement before God and with your prayer partner.” This is a good thing!

† The Bible teaches the EXPONENTIAL POWER PRINCIPLE: That if one can put a thousand to flight; two can put ten thousand to flight. So when two believers agree in prayer over something, the power to bring it to pass has been multiplied by the power of ten, not just doubled.

● **Prayers of Fellowship** – When you’re soul just craves companionship and friendship with the Lord. *2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV - May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

† *2 Corinthians 13:14 MSG - The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.*

† Psalm 43:4 ... *God my exceeding joy...* Friendship! Partnership! Intimacy!

† Our chief aspiration in life should be to simply ENJOY THE LORD! Companionship!

† He so enjoys me. Why shouldn’t I enjoy Him too? Why not walk and talk with Him off and on all day long!

● **Prayer of Consecration** – When you are sincerely seeking God’s Will over a decision you may be facing. *Luke 22:42 KJV - Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, is done.*

† *Romans 12: 1-2 NIV - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

† This is the only kind of prayer where the phrase “...if it be thy will” should be included. The prayer of consecration is used when you are placing your will in neutral and earnestly seeking God’s preference

concerning a decision or the direction you should take in your life, ministry, career, geographic location, marriage, business opportunity, etc. You are consecrating yourself to do whatever He wishes, knowing that He has your best interests at heart, and that He will supply all grace to whatever He calls you.

† There is no where in the Bible where it is written, “Dan Cheatham shall live in Huntsville, Alabama, lead praise and worship, and pastor at Word of Truth International.” (Same for you!) Yet by seeking God’s Will and consecrating beforehand to do whatever He desired, here I am... smack dab in the center of God’s Will. And there is no happier or safer place in the universe than in the center of His Will. God’s Will: Nothing more, nothing less, nothing else!

● **Prayer Of Thanksgiving** – When you simply recount and thank the Lord for the things He has done for you.

† You have already received, and received, and received from God, over and over again. The very fact that you are reading this study guide or listening to me teach from it, is proof that you are extremely blessed by God... you have good eyes and good hearing as a gift from God. You have been given an education as a gift from God so that you can read and write. You now have clothes on and are sitting somewhere that is safe and comfortable. You’re blessed! So give thanks to God this very moment! Don’t count your liabilities. Count your blessings before the Lord... aloud in prayer and/or by making a written list for what you are grateful to Him. Thank God often... daily... aloud.

† *Psalm 100:4 KJV - Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

† The Bible teaches that the first step to entering His presence is THANKSGIVING! If you want to feel God and you wish to feel blessed, begin to recount to God aloud all the many blessings you are thankful for!

† *Ephesians 5:20 KJV - Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

● **Prayer Of Praise** – When you extol God’s virtues, and boldly compliment Him, boast on Him, and talk Him up... ALOUD! *Hebrews 13:15 KJV - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*

† The Bible teaches that the second step to entering His presence is PRAISE! If you are serious about feeling His presence and entering a place of power, learn to PRAISE! Praise anytime, anywhere, and often!

† *Psalm 100:4 KJV - Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

† A great way to learn how to praise the Lord and practice His presence is to find different Psalms from the Book of Psalms and read them aloud to God with enthusiasm and excitement! You can even memorize certain Psalms and praise God with them anytime you wish.

† Praise silences the devil and paralyzes his activity against your life. Combine Psalm 8:2 with Jesus’ own paraphrase and interpretation of this verse and you will discover that **PRAISE IS THE POWER THAT PARALYZES THE ENEMY!** *Psalm 8:2 KJV - Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*

*Matthew 21:16 KJV - ... And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*

† Praise and worship God for He is WORTHY. Praise and worship your Father because He is HOLY. Praise and worship your Father like David in the book of Psalms. David was called the sweet psalmist of Israel. David is your worship mentor. The Lord wants you to be a protégé of David, to model him and become masterful in praising and worshipping like David. Also realize that we are to worship “on earth as in heaven.” This means we should study the examples of how they worship in the Book of Revelation. The worshippers in heaven declare God to be WORTHY and they declare God to be HOLY. In all the passages in Revelation where they are declaring God to be WORTHY, it is always connected to something great God has done in redemption or creation. But whenever they declare God to be HOLY, it is NEVER connected to anything God has done, only to Who He is. So God’s WORTHINESS is the EXCELLENCE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE! But His HOLINESS is the ESSENCE OF WHO HE IS! Declare both of these attributes of God when you praise & worship.

● **Prayer Of Intercession** – Praying for another in private from a distance, or in person face to face with them. *Ezekiel 22:30 KJV - And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.* See [my other books on prayer](#), including [THE MOST POWERFUL PRAYERS IN THE UNIVERSE](#) ! Intercession is Standing in the Gap, Making up the Hedge, “Soaking” Another in Prayer.

† *Romans 8: 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself **maketh intercession** for us **with groanings** which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he **maketh intercession** for the saints according to the will of God.*

† *1 Timothy 2:1-6 KJV - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, **intercessions**, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

*James 5: 16 Confess your faults one to another, and **pray one for another**, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

† As a rule of thumb, intercession involves praying REPEATEDLY for a person or group of persons. It involves becoming an intermediary between God and another. In many instances, the Apostle Paul told people that he would “pray always” for them, indicating that his intercessions for them were repeated, insistent, and were prayed with much ardor. Paul would often tell those he had prayed for exactly what he had been praying for them. This gave them the opportunity to CONNECT WITH THEIR OWN FAITH TOO. See Paul telling people what he was praying for them in Eph 1, Eph 3 and Col 1.

† Sometimes your prayer language, praying in tongues, will flow with slow, groaning and laboring sound, which is usually “intercessory prayer for someone else.” You may get a picture or thoughts in your mind about who or what you are praying about even though it is happening in your heavenly prayer language.

● **United Prayer** - When a group of believers all lift up their voices together aloud towards a common end, but with their own individual prayers. A LOUD THING INDEED! BUT POWERFUL! *Acts 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast*

made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is... ...29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

● **Fasting & Prayer** – When you are either led by God to fast and pray, or when you feel your situation or someone else’s situation warrants extra focus by using the secret weapon of fasting and prayer. *Luke 5:35 KJV - But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.* Types of Fasting:

1) **Supernatural Fasts** like Moses and Jesus who fasted 40 days or like Paul who fasted for several days after his conversion with neither food NOR WATER. Fasting without water, however, or any kind of fasting for too long a period, is dangerous and foolish. Don’t try a supernatural fast unless it is definitely initiated by a sovereign act of God Himself.

2) **Normal Fasts** - by drinking water only, and lasting only a day, or maybe as long as a week. Make sure you are giving yourself to more prayer than usual, especially during what would normally have been meal times. Fasting must be combined with extra prayer.

3) **No-Pleasant-Food Fasts** like when Daniel went 21 days with only veggies, fruits and water. See Daniel 10 and Daniel 1.

4) **Hybrid Fasts** whereby a person who requires some energy to keep working at his place of employment fasts with juices instead of just water alone. Personally, I have found this to be a very effective form of fasting. I have enough energy to continue working, but I still receive the benefits of concentrated times of prayer and denying my flesh the pleasure of eating while getting hold of God in a serious way.

5) **Weekly Fasts** where a person feels led to fast a certain day of the week, or a certain meal of the day on a given day of the week. See Luke 18:12.

6) **Corporate Fasts** where a leader calls for a whole group of people to fast together towards a desired end... perhaps for a breakthrough in some area of church life, or to overcome a particular crisis, or to pray for revival in a city or nation. See 2 Chronicles 20, Jonah 3, Acts 13:1-4.

● **Prayer of Release** – When you need to release a loved one or friend who is on the verge of death in a dignified fashion. For example: A person who has been in a coma too long, or an aged loved one. **There is a time to hold onto someone by faith. But there is also a time to concede, releasing someone into God’s hands... also by faith.** Heaven is a real place. Eternity is awesome! There is a time to graduate into glory! Generally speaking, we need to stand by faith for a person’s longevity and health. But then a person’s own wishes have to be considered too. And in some situations, barring a sovereign miracle from God, death may even be a blessing. *Luke 23: 46 KJV - And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. Genesis 25: 8 KJV - Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.*

† See my book on [Overcoming Grief From The Death Of A Loved One Or Close Friend](#) to study more on this prayer of release.

† I once had an uncle who was a rough-hewn character. In his old age he contracted cancer in his feet. We all prayed for him to live longer and to receive Christ, so that he would be prepared for eternity. Slowly over many months, the surgeons had to cut more and more of his legs off. We kept praying. One night as my uncle lie in his hospital bed with only two stumps for legs, Jesus appeared to him at the corner of his hospital room. Instantly he prayed to receive Christ. My uncle was ecstatic although he was near death. It was a masterstroke of God’s mercy! So considering all his physical suffering, we stopped praying for him to live, but released him to the Lord to take him home as He might wish.

## **“Take Advantage Of All Kinds of Prayer” By Rick Renner, [www.renner.org](http://www.renner.org)**

*“Praying always with all prayer.” — Ephesians 6:18*

If you want to grow in your spiritual walk, you need to make prayer a central part of your life. But in order for prayer to be the great adventure God wants it to be in your life, you must understand that there are all kinds of ways to pray. Don't get stuck with just one form of prayer! The Bible tells us that there are several kinds of prayer, and you need to learn to use every kind of prayer that's available to you.

Ephesians 6:18 says, *“Praying always with all prayer.”* The first thing I want you to notice is that this verse commands us to pray *“always.”* As noted in the Sparkling Gem for January 4, the word *“always”* is taken from the Greek phrase *en panti kairo*. The word *en* would be better translated *at*. The word *panti* means *each and every*.

You could say that this word *panti* is an all- encompassing word that embraces everything, including the smallest and most minute of details. The last word in this Greek phrase is the word *kairo*, the Greek word for *times or seasons*. When all three of these words are used together in one phrase (*en panti kairo*) as in Ephesians 6:18, they could be more accurately translated *at each and every occasion*.

But I want you to notice that this verse goes on to say that you are to pray *“with all prayer.”* This phrase is taken from the Greek phrase *dia pases proseuches* and would be better translated *“with all kinds of prayer.”* To assist the Church in maintaining a victorious position in life, God has given His people various kinds of powerful prayer.

Other translations of Ephesians 6:18 include: *“Use every kind of prayer.”* (Goodspeed ) *“Pray with all manner of prayer.”* (AMP) *“Pray...with all kinds of prayers....”* (NIV) *“Pray...with all kinds of prayers that are available for you to use....”* (RSV)

Most people don't realize there are different kinds of prayer. But according to this verse, God has actually made many forms of prayer available to us to use as needed, such as the prayer of faith, the prayer of intercession, the prayer of consecration, and the prayer of agreement.

Sometimes life can be difficult and challenging. For one thing, the devil doesn't want you to be blessed or successful in your endeavors. So in order to face the inevitable attacks that arise against your marriage, finances, body, job, and career, you must come to realize that prayer is indispensable. You cannot succeed as a Christian without an active and effective prayer life.

No matter how anointed, skilled, or gifted you may be or how bold and courageous you think you are, you simply cannot maintain a victorious position in life apart from prayer. Without prayer, you can be sure of absolute and total defeat. But as you develop a lifestyle of prayer, taking advantage of every form of prayer available to you, you will find that victory is yours in the midst of every challenge!

The various kinds of prayer have all been given to you for your benefit and spiritual growth. So take the time to study the Word and learn how to pray with *“all kinds of prayer.”* Don't let this day go by without spending quality time in prayer with the Heavenly Father. There is victory waiting on the other side!

**MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:** *Lord, forgive me for the times I get so busy that I neglect my prayer life. I really want this inconsistency in my life to be broken; I want my prayer life to get stronger and more stable. I realize that when I don't spend time alone with You, I make it difficult for You to tell me what You want me to know. Inconsistency is a work of the flesh, so I am asking You to help me break this pattern and learn how to make prayer one of the most important pillars of my life. I pray this in Jesus' name!*

**MY CONFESSION FOR TODAY:** I declare by faith that prayer is a central and significant part of my life. God has great spiritual adventures planned for me, and He wants to reveal them to me during my time of prayer. I am steadfast, immovable, and consistent in my time with God. Nothing is as important to me as those moments I enjoy with Him. As I spend time with Him each day, He refreshes my spirit and enlightens my mind with the knowledge that He wants me to know. My prayer time is a key to the success God is giving me in my life. I declare this by faith in Jesus' name!