

## National Day of Prayer

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### Introduction Summary

In the United States of America, once a year we set aside a specific day dedicated to prayer. In this lesson we will see the reason every Christian should pray daily. Additionally, we will discover the benefits of prayer and ways to pray according to the Scripture. Since we know prayer changes things, we must not only pray for ourselves, but we have a responsibility to pray for the whole world, including those in imminent places.

- I. Surveys say at least 80% of Americans believe in prayer.
  - A. Our prayers come up before God (Acts 10:31).
  - B. God remembers our prayer (Acts 10:3-4).
- II. Pray that you may be healed (Jam. 5:16; 2 Cor. 5:21).
  - A. Our prayer makes tremendous power available.
  - B. Cornelius' entire family was saved in one day.
  - C. God heard Cornelius' prayer.
- III. God hears your prayer and He acts upon it (Pro. 15:29).
- IV. Mercy goes before grace.
  - A. God will not turn your prayer away, even if it's your fault (Psa. 66:20).
  - B. You don't have to go through anyone else; you have a direct line to God (Heb. 4:14-16).
  - C. We must always be ready to jump into prayer at a moment's notice (Rom. 12:12).
- V. Praying "in the Spirit" means we can pray above our limited knowledge (Eph. 6:18).
  - A. He said to pray for the saints, because they are satan's target.
  - B. The saints get the lost saved.
  - C. The saints pray for others to be healed.
- VI. Prayer changes things (Phil. 1:19).
  - A. The "supply" of the Spirit is the "contribution" of the Spirit. We get the supply of the Spirit when we pray in other tongues.
  - B. Paul knew that prayer was the key to victory in his ministry (1 Cor. 14:14-18).
- VII. People in trouble have a chance for victory when we pray for them. Let's give people a chance to get out of satan's plan.

VIII. We must pray for the world (1 Tim. 2:1-6).

- A. Most countries that have been destroyed collapsed from the inside.
- B. The U.S. has been weakened inside so the enemy can destroy us outside.
- C. The populations of those countries didn't realize how their country was in trouble.
- D. A bishop in Ukraine called me for prayer.
  - 1. There were 150 thousand Russian troops poised on the border of Ukraine, and they thought war would break out.
  - 2. We prayed for the Ukraine, and President Vladimir Putin changed his mind.

IX. We must pray for those in imminent places.

- A. We must pray for the U.S. president so that we may lead a quiet life (1 Tim. 1:2).
- B. Our prayer effects leadership.
- C. We must pray for the Supreme Court justices (Isa. 1:24-26).

X. Good things happen when we pray (Acts 1:14).

- A. This was the start of a world-wide movement that still goes on today (Acts 2:1-4).
- B. Pray with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6).
- A. Satan tries to discourage you. Don't be deceived (Gal. 6:7).
- B. Act like you shall have it (Mat. 21:22; Mark 11:24).

XI. My spirit prays. The lower case "s" indicates *you're* the one that's praying (1 Cor. 14:14).

- A. I will pray - this is a statement of purpose.
- B. We must pray on purpose, every day we wake up.

### **Closing Summary**

There are many reasons every Christian should pray every day. Now that we've learned principles of prayer, let's increase our prayer time so that God can continue to intervene in our nation and in our individual lives.