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How Does God Answer Prayer?

From a cursory reading of the Bible, we know and understand that **God does indeed answer prayer** (Matthew 6:5-15; Matthew 7:7-12; 1 John 3:21-22; 1 John 5:14-15; cf. John 9:31; John 15:7; James 1:5-6; James 5:13-18).

Now the question is asked, “How does God answer prayer?” The following are some biblical answers to that question:

- **Sometimes, God says “No” in answer to our prayers** — Note the prayer of Jesus in Matthew 26:39-44 and Paul’s prayer in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10).
- **Sometimes, God says “Slow” in answer to our prayers** — His answer to our prayers are delayed **for our benefit**. (cf. Psalm 22:1-8; Psalm 40:1-4; Luke 18:1-7).
- **Sometimes, God says “Grow” in answer to our prayers** (John 11) — Mary and Martha asked Jesus to come and heal their brother Lazarus of a sickness. Jesus purposefully delayed his coming for two days, so that **(1)** He could demonstrate His authority and power in raising Lazarus from the dead, proving to them that he was indeed God’s Son, and **(2)** so that their faith might grow and increase (John 11:37-45).
- **Sometimes, God says “Go” in answer to our prayers** — Solomon asked for wisdom and received it (1 Kings 3:7-14. The disciples prayed for Peter’s release from prison, and their prayer was answered (Acts 12:1-17). In fact, God often gives us more than we ask for (Ephesians 3:20).

So, the bottom line in all of the above is: **(1)** “Don’t forget to pray” (Philippians 4:6), because God answers prayers, and **(2)** Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17; cf. Luke 18:1-8; Psalm 55:16-17) — our praying must be persistent and consistent.

By Mike Riley (GEWATKINS.NET)



We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



We greet you in the name of the Lord. Let us join with the psalmist who prayed: "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand (Psalm 16:11)

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

Pray for our Church family:

Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Dail's sister Pat who was recently in a car accident, for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care, for Dustin Parker's dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke and for Kerry's co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Michelle Candelario, Jim & Mary Ann D'Arcy, Mary Fields, Shyanna Francis, Joy Gabel Filipone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy's husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear heavenly Father, thank You that I can come confidently to You in prayer, trusting You to supply all my needs. Amen.

Our Daily Bread: Kimya Loder
Read: 1 John 5:9-15

News:

Emilia's brother Jose Luis recently passed away. Please keep Emilia and family in your prayers.

Please pray for a safe travel back to home for Roy as he prepares to leave Canada and return this week and for Phyllis as she travels up north to visit her son and family.

The Community Food Bank: At this time, the most critically needed items are: 1 pound packs of spaghetti and canned pasta sauce. Other non-perishable items such as: small packs of rice and dried beans, Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are also welcome! Your donation is greatly appreciated.

In Search of the Lord's Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:1-5

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

Sermon Topic:

"God Answers Prayer"



Birthdays:

Blake Axsom:	7/15
Yanira Fuentes:	7/18



Wedding Anniversaries:

B & A Axsom:	7/19
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Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

777: Father Hear the Prayer We Offer (1-4)

676: Living for Jesus (1-3)

COMMUNION & OFFERING: Mark 14:22-25

539: Higher Ground (1,2 & 4)

INTERLUDE

679: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (1,2 & 4)

SERMON

INVITATION

564: I Must Tell Jesus (1,2 & 4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

While we continue to have in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are still many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed. God bless us all and our families and loved ones too.

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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