

# Making Prayer Your 2<sup>nd</sup> Language

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*Prayer Influences Men By Influencing GOD To Influence Them.  
(J. Oswald Sanders)*

Joe McKeever said to Pastors...

"If anyone on planet Earth needs to pray faithfully and fervently, it's the pastor. For one thing, this job requires more of you than there is and more time than you have.

The person accepting the Lord's call into the ministry is agreeing to live in a world of unfinished tasks. You are literally being sentenced to live beyond yourself.

It is by its very nature impossible to live this life and do this work in your own strength. You will develop a strong prayer life or you will not survive. It's as simple as that.

While prayer is not the only weapon in the Christian leader's arsenal, it is one of the most powerful and often under-utilized.

As a leader one needs to remember one of the most powerful ways to influence others spiritually is through prayer.

Therefore, to lead effectively by influencing others for God, we as leaders must pray. If you want to lead well, you must pray well.

It is my conviction that prayer is the timeless, and often overlooked, secret to high-impact spiritual leadership.

Certainly courageous acts, fearless faith, spiritual gifts, and anointed abilities help make leaders spiritually influential.

Prayer is the timeless act of very effective Christian leaders.

Prayer must not be snubbed. Prayer must be prioritized and practiced to achieve maximum impact in our lives and our ministry.

I doubt that you can find a maximally effective spiritual leader in the Bible or in history who was not a person of prayer. My friends this is a reality today as much as it was two thousand years ago.

## The Voice Of Renowned Authorities...

“More than any other single thing leaders do, is their prayer life that will determine their effectiveness”. (Henry. Blackaby).

“Greater leaders pray” (Peter Wagner)

Prayer.... is absolutely essential in the life of a leader.  
(Charles Swindoll)

“As a leader your usefulness is dependent upon your prayer” and “the effectiveness of your ministry depends on your spiritual life. (Wesley Duetel)

Andrew Murray said “ That prayer in the life of the leader should be regarded as the highest part of the work entrusted to us, the root and strength of all other work...there is nothing we need to study and practice as the art of praying alright.”

Someone said.. “When I prayed well, impact increased. When I failed to pray, effectiveness diminished.

If you have a great prayer life, you can have greater kingdom influence for God.

