



The Season of Prayer for the Faithful

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Power Of Prayer - How powerful is it?

The power of prayer should not be underestimated. James 5:16-18 declares, "...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." God most definitely listens to prayers, answers prayers, and moves in

response to prayers.

Jesus taught, "...I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 tells us,

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." The Bible urges us, "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 saints" (Ephesians

6:18).

Power Of Prayer - How do I tap into it?

The power of prayer is not the result of the person praying. Rather, the power resides in the God who is being prayed to. 1 John 5:14-15 tells us, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him." No matter the person praying, the passion behind the prayer, or the purpose of the prayer - God answers prayers that are in agreement with His will. His answers are not always yes, but are always in our best interest. When our desires line up with His will, we will come to understand that in time. When we pray passionately and purposefully, according to God's will, God responds powerfully!

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We cannot access powerful prayer by using "magic formulas." Our prayers being answered is not based on the eloquence of our prayers. We don't have to use certain words or phrases to get God to answer our prayers. In fact, Jesus rebukes those who pray using repetitions, "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:7-8). Prayer is communicating with God. All you have to do is ask God for His help. Psalm 107:28-30 reminds us, "Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their

desired haven." There is power in prayer! Power Of Prayer - For what kind of things should I pray? God's help through the power of prayer is available for all kinds of requests and issues. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." If you need an example of a prayer, read Matthew 6:9-13. These verses are known as the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is not a prayer we are supposed to memorize and simply recite to God. It is only an example of how to pray and the things that should go into a prayer - worship, trust in God, requests, confession, protection, etc. Pray for

these kinds of things, but speak to God using your own words. The Word of God is full of accounts describing the power of prayer in various situations. The power of prayer has overcome enemies (Psalm 6:9-10), conquered death (2 Kings 4:3-36), brought healing (James 5:14-15), and defeated demons (Mark 9:29). God, through prayer, opens eyes, changes hearts, heals wounds, and grants wisdom (James 1:5). The power of prayer should never be underestimated because it draws on the glory and might of the infinitely powerful God of the universe! Daniel 4:35 proclaims, "All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'"

Blessed are the Persecuted

It happens daily. You're scrolling down your timeline and a friend has made an insensitive post. You're sitting in the break room and a coworker makes a comment that stops you mid-chew. Family members

call you names and exclude you from family functions because you're too holy and will put a damper on their good time. Uneducated, ignorant, extremist, too conservative, judgmental, hypocrites —insults

hurled without thoughts of their target. What used to be considered wholesome and righteous is now relegated to outlandish. To all the soldiers out there taking heavy fire, dodging vocal bullets,

and being cut by insensitive comments, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you,"(Matthew 5:11-12 KJV). The prophets and Jesus himself suffered persecution. They were held captive, tortured,

and ultimately killed for their beliefs. Instead of stomping off and being offended, endure your persecution with pride. It is a sign that your light is shining and that you are on the right path. So, stand protected behind the shield of faith, don your breastplate or righteousness and march on. Reducing yourself to petty tit for tat arguments is counterproductive and only serves to prove their assumptions

about the church. No matter how eloquently stated your arguments will be misconstrued and tossed into one of the many categories they've already placed you in. Let your life style speak for you, the love, compassion, wisdom, and faith you have. Smile and let the naysayers have their opinion. In the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord.

Kingdom Spotlight



Although none were published she has a collection of notebooks filled with writings that only those closest to her get to enjoy.

In 2010 F. Y. Dawn decided it was time. It was time to cultivate her love for writing. She pulled out her laptop and dove in never looking back. Completing her first novel, *Serenity of Passion*, brought so much joy and sense of fulfillment that she was determined to continue. Her *Surrender to Love Series* was

created with the subsequent novels *What Love Feels Like*, *What the Heart Wants*, and *All I ever wanted*. She has become known as an author that draws the reader into the story, making them feel as though the characters are a part of their lives. Her writing style and ability to craft an en-

gaging tale has been compared to the extraordinary Alice Walker.

In an effort to combine her gift with the call upon her life, F. Y. Dawn has delved into other genres. Her first children's book is set to release this spring, as well as her first non-fiction work, co-written by her husband Minister Earnest Dawn, *Make Time 4 Love: 21 day couples devotional*. Her talents extend beyond creative writing. Dawn is also a freelance photojournalist with a knack for putting real life events into words.

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Let's Go Back

Is it too late to go back
To where salvation wasn't an act
Where we let love abound
And lost souls were found.
A time of peace and tranquility
Not overshadowed with iniquity,
Where the power of God was not only felt, but seen
The Shekinah Glory coating the place with a heavenly sheen.
The blind could see, the lame could walk
And living upright wasn't just talk.
Pastors were unshakable men
Living without rumors of sin.
Husbands of one wife
And the word of God his life.
Can we return to that day
Where flesh didn't determine the way.
When praise was praise not a way to be seen
And the blessings of others didn't make us green.
Where saints didn't drink
And bible class made you think.
Let us all go back to that glorious time.
Take me back to that mountain climb.
With hands lifted up in surrender
Not for how much pain I can render.
words used to glorify
Not ridiculously justify
hearts filled with gladness
Not bitterness and sadness
Lord redeem us again
Restore us with your mighty hand
Create in us a clean heart
Prepare us for a new start.
Let your word take root and bring forth fruit.
We need you like never before
Even if we're full we still need more.
For everything we need is in you
And you make all things new.

By F. Y. Dawn

What's In Your Box?

Alabaster is a fine translucent material used to make vases or boxes to store precious ointments. The gospels describe two sisters, Mary and Martha. Martha had a servant's heart, flitting about the house, tending to everyone's needs, serving. Mary on the other hand sat with Jesus, listening to him. The bible doesn't describe it, but I can imagine Mary came to a point where she realized who she was with. She realized that she was in the presence of greatness and she had to give him something. I can imagine her looking around the house for the perfect gift, picking up different items that just don't seem quite right.

Then she finally remembers the ointment. I don't know about her, but I keep the good stuff high up on the shelf so no one can get to it. It probably hadn't been touched in a while, because there hadn't been a worthy

cause. I can see her swiping away the cobwebs and blowing dust of the lid to get it ready for Jesus. She'd probably planned to give him the oil, but with



each step she had to come to a greater understanding of who He was and by the time she stood in front of him with the ointment giving it to him was no longer suitable. She had to break it and pour the oil on him.

What's in your box? What have you brought to pour out on to the Lord? Do you sit in his presence not recognizing who you are with? Do you come to his house with empty hands and empty heart? He is worthy of your praise, your gratitude, your thanksgiving, and worship. He is the risen savior.

Just as Mary was ridiculed for seemingly going too far, the will be naysayers judging your praise, but keep on keeping on. Dance like you've never danced before. Sing like you have the best voice in the

world. Worship like it's your last time. No matter how extreme you look, God is worthy of that and then some.

What's in your box?

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Vision

The King James Version of Proverbs 29:18 reads, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". Unless God's people have an understanding of where they are headed, the probability of a successful journey is severely limited. The vision for Total Deliverance Worship Center is to build a powerful church through discipleship in accordance with the apostle's doctrine. Our focus is on healing and repairing lives then training and equipping them for their calling in the body of Christ and to be successful professionals in the world. We desire to compel men and women to become all that they can be in Christ Jesus.

Purpose

Our purpose is to see God's Word fulfilled in the lives of people as they receive deliverance from sin, sickness, broken hearts, and all that would otherwise prevent them from leading healthy, whole and productive lives.

Mission

Total Deliverance Worship Center endeavors to contribute to the spiritual, relational and entrepreneurial advancement of the Christian community by providing biblical enrichment and spiritual guidance. Pastor Benson hopes that this ministry will enable Christians to overcome personal obstacles and limitations and adopt a zeal for advancement in their natural and spiritual lives. Total Deliverance Where the Mission is Made Possible!!!

(Matthew 19:26)