

# Pray With Trust In God

*“I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mark 11:23-24)*

God is real and He should be the reality for our lives and being, *“For in him we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)* God created heaven and earth and all who live in them, *“In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” (Acts 14:16-17)* Everything around us shows that God is real and the reality that He came for us and for our lives. His love and care confirmed to us not only with what He provide for us, and satisfying the material needs that raise up in our daily living. But God, as well, He sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death. Jesus died for our sins on the cross and He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives.

Therefore our lives should be in continuous interaction with God. He is Emmanuel God with us, walking with us. He knows our struggles; He knows our difficulties, and He respond to us. He hears our cries, He listen to our prayers and respond to our needs. Faith in God and believing God and all His promises will be the drive for us to trust our lives fully to God and live in holiness for Him. One aspect of holiness, living godly life and to have a clean heart is to trust God and to have faith in Him. One of the powerful tool that the Lord gives us and to live our lives with interaction with Him is a life of prayer. The Word of God in regard to prayers admonish us the following:

1- *“pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)* What meant here is to face all life’s circumstances with prayers. It should be continuous like the water and the electricity supply. It is like petrol for the car. Daily heartaches and life threats can be met and faced and had the victory if we keep a constant life of prayers.

2- *“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.” (Philippians 4:6-7)* Prayers would give our lives more dynamics and make us more successful and that is what God commanded us to do. We should not loss hope whatever the situation is, God can still work it out for our lives.

3- *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)* So we understand that we need to be fully occupied with prayers.

4- *“Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.” (James 5:13)* So in troubles we pray and when we receive answers to our prayers we rejoice and sing praises to God. Prayers enable us to pass hard times, pressure, opposition and persecution. Let us read and meditate on the following event from the bible.

*“It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.” (Acts 12:1-5)* So we found here Peter is in big and in dangerous situation, in a prison and guarded with 16 soldiers. He was there to be presented for a trial and to be executed. That was a hopeless situation but the church response was right; the church earnestly prayed to God for Him and God worked through the prayers of the church. Worthy to remember that our Lord is the same, He will continue to work through the prayers of His church. Let us read the remaining of the story and what God did.

*“The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists. Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating.” When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, “Peter is at the door!” “You’re out of your mind,” they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, “It must be his angel.” But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.” (Acts 12:6-16)* God did great things when the church prayed, even beyond their imagination; they were not even expecting such dramatic respond. They even did not believe when they heard that Peter came out from the prison and he is at the door until they opened the door and saw him. Then, *“Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. “Tell James and the brothers about this,” he said, and then he left for another place.” (Acts 12:17)* Peter described to them the fruit of their prayers and what great things God did as His church prayed.

*My Dear and Beloved:* We will have the same dramatic response and perfect answers of all our prayers if we trust in Him and pray earnestly to God to solve our problems.

*My Prayer:* Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for Your Word that gives me guidance and help me to trust you and pray earnestly to you for this matter \_\_\_\_\_. I trust Lord that you can solve this problem \_\_\_\_\_. This all what I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.