

# Filled to Overflow: Prayer

**Scripture Reading:** Claire Johnston

## 1 Peter 5:6-7

**<sup>6</sup>So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. <sup>7</sup>Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.**

As I've been praying morning, noon, and night...

- Some simple, yet profound things are coming into view more clearly...
- When I pray I bring some very important assumptions (beliefs)...
- Through Prayer I both challenge & reaffirm some essential truths about My life and my faith...

## God Really Does Care About Me and My Life

### Not Forgotten...

#### Isaiah 49:15-16

You May think (sometimes), **"God has forgotten me...(No one) remembers I even exist..."**

**"Can a mother forget the infant at her breast,  
walk away from the baby she bore?"**

But even if mothers do forget,  
**I'll never forget you—never.**

Look, I've written your name on the palms of my hands.

### You and Your Life Are So Important to Him...

#### Matthew 10:28-31

**...God holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.**

**"What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries.**

### He Knows What You Need...

#### Matthew 6:7-8

**"The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply.**

1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

## Prayer Actually Makes a Difference

James 5:13-15

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out... **The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.** Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.

Daniel 10:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.<sup>11</sup> He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for **I have now been sent to you.**" And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for **from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your prayers were heard, and I have come in response to your words.**

- I prayed for Him to send me someone to share Jesus with...
- I prayed for Him to Make Church of the Chimes rich in diversity...
- I prayed for healing, strength, and life to be there for my family and my church family...

## That I Care About God and Others

1 Timothy 2:1-8

**The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.**

He wants not only us but *everyone* saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth *we've* learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. **This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.**

Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies **but raising holy hands to God.**

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- **9:00**
- **1 Person**
- **1 Minute**