

# POWER OF PRAYER

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. **James 5:16**

Prayer is loving communication with אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) our Father, through Yahusha and by the power of the Ruach ha Kodesh. Prayer is the expression of our inner spiritual needs through our verbal requests expressed in faith. Through prayer we strengthen our spiritual walk, and receive guidance, wisdom, joy and inner peace. Prayer may be long or short, alone or in a group, silent or aloud, but it should be a true communication with אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) and not done for public recognition. Important aspects of prayer include:

- Expressions of faith and our trust in אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)
- Confession of our sins
- Praise towards אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) for the things he does for us
- Thanksgiving for all the good things we have received and will receive now and in the future
- Expressing our Love for אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah)
- Petitioning אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) for our needs and the needs of others

The English word “Pray” derives from a root word meaning “to beg or entreat.” Whereas the Hebrew word hitpallel comes from the verb meaning “to Judge oneself.” When we pray, we first inwardly examine ourselves and then sincerely call upon אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) with a reverent Heart.

In Hebrew thinking, devotion from the Heart, called kavanat ha lev, is considered essential to true prayer. Kavanah implies concentration, worship, and single-mindedness: you simply cannot reach אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah) without earnestness and passion of the whole Heart. A Hebrew sage wrote, Prayer without Kavanah is like a body without a soul,” suggesting that merely mouthing the “right words” of a prayer is empty hypocrisy if the inmost heart is not also profoundly involved. And will אֱלֹהִים (Yahuah), who is Spirit, listen to such insincerity from our lips?

## Yahuah's Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven, Kadosh (Set Apart) is your name. **10** your Reign

(kingdom) come, let your will (Desire) be done on earth, as it is in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread. **12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. **13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (the Wicked one): For yours is the Reign (kingdom), and the power, and the Esteem (glory), for ever. Amen. **Matthew. 6:9-13**

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) spent a lot of time praying. He often went to a solitary place and prayed for hours at a time, especially at difficult times in His ministry **Matthew 14:23, 26:36-41, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, 6:12**. Yahuah's Prayer is **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s model of the perfect prayer.

**Yahusha said, "This, then, is how you should pray:**

**'Our Father in heaven.** Why do we say 'Our Father', and not my Father? Because, **AYAZL** (Yahuah) being the Father of all men, we are all His children, and should therefore love one another as brothers, and pray for one another

First, we call **AYAZL** (Yahuah) by the affectionate term "Our Father (ABBA)," and praise His Kadosh (holy) Set Apart name. The words "Our Father" are probably the most important words of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Prayer.

In the four Gospels, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) led a life of prayer. He was always in communication with his Father. In every prayer where **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) words are recorded, he called **AYAZL** (Yahuah) his Father and we should also.

When **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) taught us to call **AYAZL** (Yahuah) Our Father he was showing us something about our relationship with **AYAZL** (Yahuah) . He was telling us that we should have a very close, intimate and personal relationship with **AYAZL** (Yahuah) through **OWYAZL** (Yahusha). **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is the perfect, loving, Father. He cares about every one of His children, even when we sin, He still loves us.

This close relationship reminds us that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is not distant; He is an essential part of our lives, present in everything we do. When we pray to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) we know He listens and cares, because we are loved by Him.

**'Who is in Heaven.** **AYAZL** (Yahuah), though he is everywhere, dwells on his throne in Heaven and we are just visitors upon this earth, and our true kingdom is the kingdom of Heaven and when we pray, we must detach our hearts from all earthly things, and raise them up in Ruach (Spirit) unto our Father which is in Heaven as is also Ruach (Spirit).

As believers our greatest task is to bring about Heaven here on earth. Every time we say something nice, or help someone out, or do any act simply out of love, we bring **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s plan one step closer.

Heaven is our reward after death, when we are finally with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in his kingdom. Yet **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is with us in this life, and as we live our lives as He desires, we see a glimpse of what Heaven can be here as well.

**Kadosh (Set Apart) is your name.** Dictionary Definition of Set Apart: 'Your name is Kadosh (holy)'. We are to esteem the honor and glory of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) more than anything else in our lives, so that the name of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) may never be profaned or blasphemed, but that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) may be rightly known, loved, and honored by us and by all mankind.

**Your Reign (kingdom) come.** That the kingdom of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) may be spread more and more upon earth; That **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s Mercy, Grace and Love may be established in our hearts and lives. As believers we should want to see the day when **וְיָשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha) returns, to see everyone bow and acknowledge **וְיָשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha) as Messiah.

Asking for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s Reign (kingdom) to come is the desire of our hearts, when he returns the sin and pain of the world will be no more. Violence, famine, addiction, sin, natural disasters, greed, loneliness will not continue.

This is why believers must live for **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and promote **וְיָשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha)'s Kingdom and pray for our King to return.

**Your will (desire) be done on earth as it is in heaven.** We desire **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will be done in our lives and in the lives of all men on earth just as the Angels do in Heaven; and confess that in all things we submit ourselves to the holy will of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). We are asking for the fulfillment of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s will for ourselves and for the world. In our personal life we are showing our desire to do **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s will and asking for his guidance. Admitting that on our own we are weak, but with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) we can do all things.

We are acknowledging **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s wisdom over our own and desiring to be led by the Ruach ha Kodesh. Even **וְיָשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha) was subject to his father's will when he was on earth; at Gethsemane he prayed, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be

done.” **Matthew 26:42.**

**Give us today our daily bread.** We ask **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to provide our daily needs for us and our family.

If **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) had left out this request for personal needs we might think we are not to ask or trust him to supply our daily requirements, thus we would not be dependent or recognize who sustains our every need.

However, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) shows us that he not only cares for our needs but that He wants us to acknowledge that we are dependent upon Him, the great Provider of all “good gifts” **Matthew 7:11.**

He teaches us how to ask for what is sufficient for today so that we realize we have a constant reliance on **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Like the children of Israel who lived in the desert for 40 years and were given sufficient “manna” each day and no more, so we should realize that what we have has been provided by **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). We should trust not in the provision but in the Provider.

It is easy to forget the Provider and become greedy and selfish and forget **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s gifts to us. In asking only for the basic necessities of life (food, shelter, clothing, warmth etc), **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) teaches us that we are not to be obsessed with material things, but should trust Him alone to provide us with what we need for today and be content with His provision. “Man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)” **Deuteronomy 8:3.**

**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) gives us more than bodily nourishment. **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) is referred to as the “Bread of Life” **John 6:35** blessings through faith in him. The blessing of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it **Proverbs 10:22.**

The use of “our daily bread” shows that we are not just praying for ourselves but also for each other. **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) gives us everything we need and more, so there is plenty for others and we should be pleased to share it. “**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) loves a cheerful giver”. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Ultimately we are to acknowledge **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) as our Provider, ask for necessary provisions, then trust in Him because He knows what is best for us: We should learn to come to him daily and to ask him to provide for us and others the things we need. This is a good reason why we should give thanks

to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) before our meals, to praise Him for what we have already and what He will provide.

**Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.** We must ask for forgiveness of our sins, we must also forgive those who sin against us **Matthew 5:44, 6:14-15, Luke 6:28.**

That אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) would forgive us all our sins as we forgive others who have sinned against us. **Luke 6:37.**

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." **Mark 11:25**

However, this doesn't mean that the person won't have to answer before אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) for whatever they have done to you. It's just important to remember that human forgiveness is our responsibility and judgment belongs to אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil (Wicked) one.'** Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) has promised to those who love Him. **James 1:12**

For yours is the kingdom, the Power and the Esteem (Glory), for ever and ever, Aman." This last passage not only shows our acknowledgment of אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah), that it is Him to whom we pray, but illustrates why we pray. A prayer without confidence that אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) can accomplish what is asked for is foolish; it is in this phrase, for Yours is the Reign (Kingdom), the Power and the Esteem (Glory), for ever and ever, through which we express our knowledge of the אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah) to whom we pray and his power and the glory which we give to him alone.

אַיָּהוָה (Yahuah)'s kingdom is the Kingdom that we aspire and work towards the expansion of, through witnessing. His is the Power in which we trust for our salvation and for his Esteem (Glory) to which we work. We offer up this prayer to Him in recognition of his Power and his love of us.

## **Rituals of Prayer**

The majority of the world's population, believes praying is about reading or reciting words that someone else has written. There are rituals and liturgies,

where the words must be said in the right way and order and at the right time otherwise they are invalid. For most religious people prayer is most effective when it sounds right, looks right and when the ritual is performed right.

Everything changed when **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) came, he would pray on a hillside as naturally as he prayed in the temple, he spoke to **AYAZL** (Yahuah) in a refreshing and straightforward way, as though he were talking to a father. He taught us to pray in the same way.

The important thing is when we pray **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Prayer or any prayer from memory or even in our personal devotions, what is it that we are thinking about when we pray. Are we saying it because we know the words? This is not praying and will accomplish nothing. I would assume that anyone who prays anything from memory is indulging in vain repetition and not really praying from the heart.

I believe we should use **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Prayer as a pattern for our prayer life. What **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) taught his apostles is a structure for prayer that starts with praise, followed by our needs (daily bread) and then asking for forgiveness and ending with more praise. It's a simple pattern and covers everything.

What does Scripture say about prayer? **AYAZL** (Yahuah) wants to hear our prayers from the heart. He wants us to have faith in him and be persistent with our requests, be humble and ask forgiveness, be bold and make our requests known to Him. **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) gave us a prayer that we can learn to recite or use as a pattern for our own prayer.

## **Yahuah answers our prayers**

Prayer is the way that we communicate with **AYAZL** (Yahuah). It can have many purposes and formats. Scripture is full of advice on how to pray; **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) himself prayed to his Father often and gave his apostles a model for speaking to **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) has broken down the barriers that existed because of our unworthiness and sins and made a way for us to enter **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s presence. We do not rely on our own merits, but we are invited in by his Mercy. Therefore we enter in humility, giving thanks for our admission and acceptance in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), and for the knowledge that through Yahusha our prayers are heard and answered.

אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) wants us to pray to Him. “Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things.” **Jeremiah 33: 3**

“If any of you lack wisdom, you should pray to אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah), who will give it to you.” **James 1: 5**

“When you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen.” **Matthew. 6: 6** Scripture teaches that אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) wants us to pray to Him and tell s us how.

Much prayer is supplication. We are asking אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) for something and acknowledging our inability to get it for ourselves. “Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.”

**Matthew 7: 7**

“I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) for all people.” **1 Timothy 2: 1**

Prayer requires faith. It is not a mystical formula for getting what we want. We must trust that אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) exists and can hear us. “Whoever comes to אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) must have faith that אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) exists” **Hebrews 11: 6**

When praying, we must seek the will of אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah). “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us **1 John 5: 14**

וַיְהִי כִּי יָשָׁא אֲיָהוָה (Yahusha) taught through parables that persistence is important when praying. In the parable of the widow and the judge, the widow kept on demanding her rights until the judge got tired of all her persistence and granted her request. “Now, will אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) not judge in favor of his own people who cry to him day and night for help?” **Luke 18: 7**

We need to seek אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah)’s will. Prayer requires an attitude of humility and repentance. “If I ignore my sins, אֲיָהוָה (Yahuah) will not listen to me.” **Psalms 66: 18** “If they pray to me and repent and turn away from the evil they have been doing, then I will hear them in heaven, forgive their sins, and make their land prosperous again.” **2 Chronicles 7: 14**

## Praying scripture

When you have relevant Scriptures to back up your request, you have good reason to have faith in **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) for what you are asking for. There are some things that Scripture tells us to ask **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) for and some of the obvious requests should be; salvation, healing, provision, deliverance, and protection. These are promises that are in **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s Word and you need to know them. You also need to know how simple it is to qualify to claim all of these things that are promised. When you really get a vision of just how much **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) loves all of us, then you begin to understand **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s heart, and then you should pray accordingly.

Bring all you're prayers into conformity to the Word of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) which the Spirit inspires **2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17**. **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) calls us to be in his Word every day and to pray in the Spirit at all times. If study the Word of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) daily, meditating on it day and night, then your prayers will be shaped by the Word, which means they will be shaped by the Spirit." Not only to be moved by the Spirit in prayer, but to be guided by the Spirit in prayer. And since this is something we are called to do, our role is to take what we know about **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s will from the Word and saturate our prayers with it.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and scattered, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then **וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said to his disciples, "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore that the Master of the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest." **Matthew 9:36-38**

**וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said, "If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you." **John 15:7**

**וַיֹּאמֶר** (Yahusha) said, "In that day you will ask me no questions. Most assuredly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name (**אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)), he will give it to you. Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full." **John 16:23-24**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything

from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah); 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. **James 1:5-8**

I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men for kings and all who are in high places; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) our Messiah; who desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth. **1 Timothy 2:2-4**

If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:13-14**

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah); with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Message, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. **Ephesians 6:17-20**

**וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) said, "When you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Most assuredly, I tell you, they have received their reward. But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. In praying, don't use vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking. Therefore don't be like them, for your Father knows what things you need, before you ask him **Matthew 6:5-8**

**וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) answered them, "Most assuredly I tell you, whatever things you will bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever things you will release on earth will be released in heaven. Again, assuredly I tell you, that if two of you will agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." **Matthew 18:18-20**

**וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) answered them, "Most assuredly I tell you, if you have faith, and don't doubt, you will not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if you

told this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it would be done. All things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." **Matthew 21:21-22**

OWYAZL (Yahusha) said, Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. **Mark 11:24**

OWYAZL (Yahusha) said, "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he won't give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he asks for an egg, he won't give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Ruach ha Kodesh to those who ask him?"

**Luke 11:1-13**

## **Praying in the Spirit**

The Greek word "en" translated as "in the Spirit" as "in" can mean "in", "with", "together with", or "by."

We pray in the Spirit when we admit that without the help of the Spirit we cannot pray as we ought and then we consciously depend on the Spirit to help us pray. Putting no confidence in what we can do in our own ability, but instead trusting in the Spirit of AYAZL (Yahuah) to help us pray. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with AYAZL (Yahuah)'s will." **Romans 8:26, 27**

“In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.”  
19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.  
20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Ruach ha Kodesh, **Jude 1:18-20**

## **What Is “Praying in the Spirit?”**

Praying in the Spirit means; “the Ruach ha Kodesh is the moving and guiding power.” The key words are “moving” and “guiding power.” In other words, when you pray in the Ruach ha Kodesh, the Spirit of AYAZL (Yahuah) is “moving” you

to pray. That is, he is the one who motivates, enables and empowers your prayer. And when you pray in the Ruach ha Kodesh, the Spirit of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is “guiding” how you pray and what you pray. So, to pray in the Ruach ha Kodesh is to be moved and guided by the Ruach ha Kodesh in prayer. We pray by his power and according to his direction.

Our prayers are not only “moved” by the Spirit, but also “guided” by the Spirit. This is no surprise, because if the Ruach ha Kodesh is prompting and enabling and empowering our prayers and does so in a way that represents his nature and his Word. If the Spirit is moving us to pray, then he would move us according to his will and Word.

So praying in the Ruach ha Kodesh would mean experiencing the power and the guidance of the Spirit to help us when we are foolish, greedy or selfish. “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives **James 4:3**, that would not be praying “in the Ruach ha Kodesh.” That would be praying “in the flesh” or in your own sinful nature.

Praying in the Spirit is prayer inspired by the Spirit. The Ruach ha Kodesh directs our prayer, creates the prayer within us, and empowers us to offer it and pray it. The Ruach ha Kodesh orders our mind, gives the prayer, directs it, and empowers it.

Praying in the Spirit is the recognition that we have direct access to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) through אָוּיָּאֵל (Yahusha). "For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." **Ephesians 2:18**

Praying in the Spirit is asking for the Spirit's help in what we are to pray. We are reassured that the Ruach ha Kodesh intercedes for us as we do not know what to ask for, we can be confident that the Spirit knows our needs and the needs of others that we are to pray for, and leads us in a prayer that is in line with אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s will.

Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Ruach ha Kodesh. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.  
**Ephesians 6:13-18**

When אָוּיָּאֵל (Yahusha) ascended into heaven the Ruach ha Kodesh was given and אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) himself took up residence in his people, if you are a believer you are a temple for the Ruach ha Kodesh and therefore the Ruach ha Kodesh lives within you!

Enabling a believer to personally engage with אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) heart to heart and spirit to Spirit, this is praying in the Spirit.

### **Praying in the Spirit is focused on what the Spirit desires**

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to אַיָּהּ (Yahusha) and because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. He did this so that the requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for those who no longer follow after their sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Ruach ha Kodesh think about things that please the Spirit. **Romans 8:1-5**

Scripture tells us to “Wait upon אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)”. It is an important theme in scripture and a powerful spiritual discipline. Praying in the Spirit will require some listening and waiting. So, Spirit empowered prayer will reflect on what the Spirit wants: it will help you if you take time to listen to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s word and let it speak to you before you put into words what it is אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) has placed on your heart.

The Spirit wants people who will listen to him, so letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death, but letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life, peace and power. The sinful nature is always hostile to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), it never obeyed אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Commandments and it never will. That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) living in you. Those who do not have the Ruach ha Kodesh (Spirit) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) living in them do not belong to him at all. **Romans 8:6-9**

“Those who are led by the Spirit of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) are sons of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear but you received the Spirit of son-ship and by him we cry, ‘Ab, Father.’ **Romans 8:14-15**

## **Praying in the Spirit is prayer led by the Spirit**

We are raised to think of prayer as a technique we use to get things from אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), the purpose of prayer is not to control אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) but to let him rule us.

It is often said that prayer changes things; this is true, but prayer in the Spirit is meant to change us!

When we learn to recognize the Ruach ha Kodesh's prompting us we will learn to Pray as the Spirit leads. This is praying in the Spirit. This will help you to pray in the Spirit if you take some the time to listen and wait upon אַיָּהּ (Yahuah); while you're studying your Bible, let אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s word give you a prompting. Learn to recognize אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s prompting, learn to distinguish it from mere wishful thinking, respond to his prompting in your prayers. Never resist the prompting of the Ruach ha Kodesh.

## **What you pray to Yahuah is of enormous significance.**

And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s people. **Revelation 5:8**

וַיְחַשְׁאֵל (Yahusha) told a story about two men who went into the temple to pray. The first was articulate, confident and religious: he saw himself as one of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s elite. He strode into the presence of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) and made a beautiful speech. This is how וַיְחַשְׁאֵל (Yahusha) described it: "The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself; 'אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get'". וַיְחַשְׁאֵל (Yahusha) description is withering, "He prayed about himself".

The other guy in the story was quite different, וַיְחַשְׁאֵל (Yahusha) said, "He stood at a distance and would not even look up to heaven". It is clear that he felt like a second-class citizen in וַיְחַשְׁאֵל (Yahusha)'s eyes; he would never be a member of the elite. So "He beat his breast" וַיְחַשְׁאֵל (Yahusha) said, and prayed, "אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) have mercy on me, a sinner". He came as an ordinary person, and he saw that he needed all the help he could get.

## **Praying in the Spirit keeps us alert to the things of the Spirit**

OWYAZ (Yahusha) says, "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place and to stand before the Son of Man." **Luke 21:36**

Do you want to be kept from the destructive effects of the last days? OWYAZ (Yahusha) says, "Pray that you may be able and to stand before the Son of Man," when he comes.

After saying that Peter would deny him three times, OWYAZ (Yahusha) says, "But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers. **Luke 22:32**

"Praying in the Spirit" is not a special form of prayer, like speaking in tongues. We can tell this because Paul says in **Ephesians 6:18** that we should pray "at all times" in the Spirit. In other words, all prayer should be "in the Spirit." Praying in the Ruach ha Kodesh is not one form among several. It is the way all prayer is to be offered.

Paul says, "The Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words." **Romans 8:26**. This shows that one thing the Ruach ha Kodesh does for us is to lead us in prayer. So it is natural to understand "praying in the Ruach ha Kodesh to mean praying with the help of the Ruach ha Kodesh.

Paul says, "You have received a spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry out, 'Ab Father!' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of AYAZ (Yahuah)." **Romans 8:15-16**.

The Spirit of AYAZ (Yahuah) gives us the assurance that we are children of AYAZ (Yahuah) by causing us to cry out from the heart in prayer "Ab Father." The Spirit moves our prayers; He motivates, enables and empowers our prayers.

## **Intercessory Prayer**

Intercessory prayer is a ministry in itself. "Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you." **Colossians 1:9**. Intercession is a test of our unselfishness in prayer. You don't have to know someone personally to pray for them. As we pray for others, ask AYAZ (Yahuah) to put it in their hearts to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and that they may be guided in his Way.

Praying in these ways for others is a form of loving your neighbor as yourself. It is a means of proclaiming the Good news; it is a form of serving.

Intercessory prayer is not the same as prayers for yourself or for enlightenment, for spiritual gifts, for guidance or any personal matter. Intercession is not just praying for someone else's needs, Intercession is praying with real faith that **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) will step in and act for the positive advancement of something specific, someone specific or an entity. It is trusting **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) will act, even if it's not in the manner or timing we seek. **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) wants us to ask, even urgently. It is casting our weakness before **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s strength, and having **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s passion burn in us.

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. The role of mediator in prayer was prevalent in the Old Testament, in the cases of Abraham, Moses, David, Samuel, Hezekiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) is pictured in the New Testament as the ultimate intercessor. Because of **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) we can now intercede in prayer on behalf of other Christians or for the lost, asking **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) to grant their requests according to His will. **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha), who died, more than that, who was raised to life, is at the right hand of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) and is also interceding for us” **Romans 8:34**

An intercessor is one who takes the place of another or pleads another's case. Intercession is "holy, believing, persevering prayer whereby someone pleads with **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) on behalf of another or others who desperately need **יְהוָה** (Yahuah)'s intervention.

## **Scriptural Foundation for Intercessory Prayer**

Scriptural basis for the New Testament believer's ministry of intercessory prayer is our calling as priests unto **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). The Word of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) declares that we are a Kadosh (holy) priesthood **1 Peter 2:5**, a royal priesthood **1 Peter 2:9**, and a kingdom of priests **Revelation 1:5**.

The background for understanding this calling to priestly intercession is found in the Tanakh (Old Testament) example of the Leviticus priesthood. The priest's responsibility was to stand before **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) to minister to Him with sacrifices and offerings. The priests also stood between **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) and sinful man bringing them together at the place of the blood sacrifice.

The Old Testament Leviticus priesthood was passed on through the descendants

of the tribe of Levi. "The Melchizedek priesthood", is the "new order" of spiritual priests of whom the **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) is the High Priest. It is passed on to us through His blood and our spiritual birth as new creatures in **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) and are commissioned to be **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) like.

## **Our Model Intercessor**

**OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) is our model for intercessory prayer, he stands before **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) and between sinful man, just as the Old Testament priests did: For there is one Alahym, and one mediator (intercessor) between **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) and men, the Messiah **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) **1 Timothy 2:5**.

It is **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah), who also makes intercession for us **Romans 8:34**.

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them **Hebrews 7:25**.

**OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) brings sinful man and a righteous **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) together at the place of the blood sacrifice for sin. No longer is the blood of animals necessary as it was in the Tanakh (Old Testament). We can now approach **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) on the basis of the blood of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) that was shed on the tree of Calvary for the remission of sins. Because of the blood of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha), we can approach **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) boldly without timidity **Hebrews 4:14-16**.

**OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) was an intercessor while He was here on earth. He prayed for those who were sick and possessed by demons. He prayed for His disciples. He even prayed for you and me when He interceded for all those who would believe on Him. **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) continued His ministry of intercession after His death and resurrection when He returned to Heaven. He now serves as our intercessor in Heaven.

## **Effective Intercession**

In intercessory prayer, we follow the Old Testament priestly function and the New Testament pattern of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha), standing before **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) through **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) and on behalf of a sinful man. In order to be effective standing "between" we must first stand "before" **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah) through Messiah **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) to develop the intimacy necessary to fulfill this role.

**Numbers 14** is one of the greatest accounts of intercessory prayer recorded in Scripture. Moses was able to stand between **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) and sinful man because he had stood "before" Him and had developed intimacy of communication.

We stand before **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) to offer up spiritual sacrifices of praise. **Hebrews 13:15** and the sacrifice of our own lives **Romans 12:1**. It is on the basis of this intimate relationship with **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) that we can then stand "between" Him and others, serving as an advocate and intercessor on their behalf.

Peter uses two words to describe this priestly ministry: "Holy" and "royal." Holiness is required to stand before **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) **Hebrews 12:14**. We are able to do this only on the basis of the righteousness (Kadoshness/Holiness) of **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha), not our own righteousness. Royalty is descriptive of the kingly authority that is delegated to us as members of the "royal family," with legitimate access to the throne room of **יְהוָה** (Yahuah).

Anyone can pray for others and step in with **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) on their behalf. But some people are gifted at intercession. They have an ear and a passion for the needs of others and take them before **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) even when those other people reject **יְהוָה** (Yahuah). An intercessor's heart is touched for those in need; they have a burden for that person. They let the Spirit give them comfort about it, instead of worrying and when a positive testimony comes, they celebrate and praise **יְהוָה** (Yahuah) with thanksgiving for the answered prayer.

Intercessors are called to pray for a specific person or mission or task. Such intercessors sometimes get a strong sense of coming danger about whom they're praying for. They often report they are driven to their knees to pray about something they can't otherwise have known was happening.

Intercessors also pray for the world, nations and political leaders, praying that the Ruach would lead them or change them.

### **Agreement and unity in prayer**

**יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) wants you to agree with other believers in prayer. The word; *agree* is translated in *The Amplified Bible* as "agree and harmonize together or make a symphony together." The word *symphony* means "all

available instruments in harmony.” You must have your spirit, mind and actions in agreement with the Word.

Agreeing spiritually is to agree with the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). Make up your mind אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)’s Word is true and that it will come to pass.

וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) Said: Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. **Matthew 18:18-20**

The reason that this type of prayer is called the prayer of agreement is due to the specific wording being used by אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). If two people can "AGREE" on earth, meaning two people have to be in perfect agreement with one another on the specific prayer request that they want to put before אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). This means that two people are approaching the throne of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) and they are praying for the exact same thing. By the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. **Acts 5:11**

The very last sentence Yahusha says that He will personally be in the midst of two or three believers who are coming together in His name to pray about a particular matter. If וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) will actually be in the midst of two or three believers who are praying in agreement and in unison with one another to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) the Father, then this means וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) is hearing their prayer loud and clear. And if וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) is hearing their prayer loud and clear, then those two or three believers will have a very good chance on getting their prayer answered by אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) the Father.

וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) is telling us with the specific wording in this verse that there is extreme power in group prayer, where a group of believers all join together in unison, in harmony, and in agreement with one another on what they are going to pray about before אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).

This is not to say that one-on-one individual prayer to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is not powerful and effective. אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) wants you coming to Him most of the time on a one-on-one basis in your own personal prayer life to Him.

אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) wants more than anything else that you seek to establish a one-

on-one, close, Intimate, personal relationship with Him. And in that personal one-on-one relationship with Him will be the benefit and blessing to be able to pray directly to Him and present any special prayer request. However, there will be other times that He will want you to group together and unite with a few other believers in your specific prayer requests to Him.

Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them. They were all filled with the Ruach ha Kodesh, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak. **Acts 2:1-4**

Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising יהוה (Yahuah), and having favor with all the people. יהוה (Yahuah) added to the assembly day by day those who were being saved. **Acts 2:46-47**

## **Un-Spoken Prayer**

### **Conclusion**

יהוה (Yahuah) wants your prayer life to be something very special between you and Him, and He will not want anyone else getting in the middle of it. This will be your special secret place and spot with יהוה (Yahuah). This is why you will hear some people use the word "**prayer closet**" to describe that special, secret and intimate place that they, and only they, will have with their Messiah and Savior.

As a result of this very special and personal space that will be established between you and יהוה (Yahuah), many times יהוה (Yahuah) will answer your personal prayers if you simply approach Him all by yourself. You will not need to call other people to pray with you.

Prayer is serious business with יהוה (Yahuah) and you do not want to be bothering other mighty prayer warriors with minor and trivial matters that can be handled solely between you and יהוה (Yahuah). Again, you have to use good common sense on deciding when to call in other prayer warriors and when not too. Many of the everyday problems, issues and obstacles that you are forced to face can be easily handled between you and יהוה (Yahuah) on a one-on-one basis. You will not need to involve anyone else on these kinds of smaller matters

and issues.

True seasoned and experienced prayer warriors will know when to join forces with another believer and when not too. These powerful prayer warriors are so Spirit connected and so in tune with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), they will know when to join forces with someone else and when not too.

Many powerful miracles can be brought down from heaven by individual believers who know how to go one-on-one with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in their own personal prayer life with Him. You do not always have to be calling on other believers every single time you have something to pray about, you need to trust and rely on **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to answer your prayers, because of your personal relationship with him.

As great and as powerful as individual prayer is with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah), there is also a definite time and place for united group prayer. There will be times that you will want to pull out all of the stops and call on other prayer warriors to storm the gates of heaven with you to try and get **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to answer your prayer in a mighty and powerful way.

When we begin to trust **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) once again and turn from our sin, He comes into our lives to begin a new relationship of love with us. **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is in every Spirit Filled believer. Our faith and love towards **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will lead us to recognize His presence in us, to talk with Him, to listen to Him, to sense Him. This is prayer. We express our thanks, our faith, our love, and our hopes with **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in prayer, and we receive from Him answers, assurance, guidance, peace, strength, power and revelation of who He is and what He wants us to do. Prayer is where our dedication to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is tested. This is where our destiny is really determined.