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The morning is the gate of the day, and should be well guarded with prayer. It is one end of the thread on which the day's actions are strung, and should be well knotted with devotion. If we felt more the majesty of life we should be more careful of its mornings. He who rushes from his bed to his business and without worship is as foolish as though he had not put on his clothes, or washed his face, and as unwise as though he dashed into battle without arms or armor.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon



I have found silence to be a powerful element in prayer. To learn to be alone with God even in the presence of others is something we Christians should try to do. There are innumerable times during the day when we can turn our thoughts, even for a moment, from business affairs and center them on God's goodness, Christ's love, our fellow man's needs.

- J. C. Penney



Every day you have another opportunity to affect your  
future with the words you speak to God.

- Stormie Omartian





*If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer it is too small  
to be made into a burden.*

*- Corrie ten Boom*



The best reason to pray is that God is really there. In praying our unbelief starts to melt. God moves smack into the middle of even an ordinary day.

- Emily Griffin



How hard is it for God to get your attention? Do you regularly practice turning aside in your day? That is, taking a moment to listen to God- because God, through the Holy Spirit, really is speaking, because we know, every place is filled with the presence of God. There is not an inch of space, not a moment of time, that God does not inhabit.

- John Ortberg



God is bigger than all of us, beyond all of us. When I pray, I don't really pray for anything, I just try to understand God's will and do the best I can.

- Harry Connick, Jr.





The only certainties that don't break down are those acquired  
in prayer.

- Reinhold Schneider



Make a plan now to keep a daily appointment with God. The enemy is going to tell you to set it aside, but you must carve out the time. If you're too busy to meet with the Lord, friend, then you are simply too busy.

- Charles Swindoll



Prayer is the sum of our relationship with God. We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. Our ability to love is our ability to pray.

- Carlo Carretto



God wants us to pray and will tell us how to begin where we are.

- The Cloud of Unknowing





If Jesus had to take time alone with God, then we surely  
need to.

- Sharon Daugherty



I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

- Abraham Lincoln



Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies  
outside the will of God.

- Unknown



Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts,  
the evenness of our recollection, the seat of mediation, the rest  
of our cares, and the calm of our tempest.

- Jeremy Taylor





One of our consistent prayers should be for God to reveal the hypocrite in our hearts.

- Lisa Harper



As I work through my day, I often find myself praying after each task. "What's next, Lord?" And before I walk into any room for a meeting, I always say a silent prayer, asking God to give me wisdom for that meeting. Prayer is the key to staying connected to God, and staying connected is the key to God's power and effectiveness. I recently tweeted this: "Much prayer- much power. Little prayer- little power. No prayer- no power." If I am not quietly talking to God as I do my work, I am not depending on him at that moment. And if I don't talk to God about what I'm doing, it shows that I'm doing it on my own power.

- Rick Warren



Prayer is striking the winning blow at the concealed enemy.  
Service is gathering up the results of that blow among the men  
we see and touch.

- Samuel Gordon



*Pray for a strong and lively sense of sin; the greater the sense of sin, the less sin.*

*- Samuel Rutherford*





In the soul-searching of our lives, we are to stay quiet so we  
can hear Him say all that He wants to say to us in our hearts.  
- Charles Swindoll



For Jesus, prayer was a vital element in making God's power available to people in need.

- Jim Reapsome



The measure of our love for others can largely be determined  
by the frequency and earnestness of our prayers for them.

- A. W. Pink



Prayer no longer seems like an activity to me; it has become the continuing language of the relationship I believe God designed to fulfill a human life.

- Keith Miller





Certain thoughts are prayers. There are certain moments when, whatever the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

- Victor Hugo



*Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time.*

*- Charles Stanley*



I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down, and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming.  
- George Muller



Have you ever thought what a wonderful privilege it is that every one each day and each hour of the day has the liberty of asking God to meet him in the inner chamber and to hear what He has to say?

- Andrew Murray





I have often learned much more in one prayer than I have been able to glean from much reading and reflection.

- Martin Luther



Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails.

- Watchman Nee



If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to the  
greatest source of power known to human beings.

- Billy Sunday



If you have so much business to attend to that you have no time to pray, depend upon it, you have more business on hand than God ever intended you should have.

- D. L. Moody





People who are in the habit of praying – and they include the mystics of the Christian tradition – know that when a prayer is answered, it is never answered in a way that you expect.

– Kathleen Norris



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Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together.

- Mother Teresa



Prayer is the very highest energy of which the mind is capable.  
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge



The self-sufficient does not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, the self-righteous cannot pray. No man is greater than his prayer life.

- Leonard Ravenhill





What a man is on his knees before God, that he is - and  
nothing more.

- Robert McChesney



When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.

- Corrie Ten Boom



*Silence is the first language of God; all else is a poor translation.*  
- Thomas Merton



*A day without prayer is a boast against God.*

*- Owen Carr*





*In intercessory prayer, one seldom ends where one began.*

*- Douglas Steere*



God always answers our prayer. Either he changes the circumstances, or he supplies sufficient power to overcome them.

- Unknown



Some prayers are followed by silence because they are wrong,  
others because they are bigger than we can understand.

- Oswald Chambers



Every Christian needs a half an hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.

- Francis de Sales





*The way to worry about nothing is to pray about everything.*  
- Unknown



Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of  
Omnipotence.

- J. Edwin Hartill



I have so many things to do today, I dare not ignore my time with God.

- Martin Luther



He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a  
holy and happy life.

- William Law





I have been driven many times to my knees by the  
overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

- Abraham Lincoln



Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.

- Mother Teresa



Whenever the insistence is on the point that God answers prayer, we are off the track. The meaning of prayer is that we get hold of God, not of the answer.

- Oswald Chambers



A man prayed, and at first he thought that prayer was talking.  
But he became more and more quiet until in the end he  
realized that prayer is listening.

- Soren Kierkegaard





Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub the wrong side up.

- Sam Jones



Some prayers have a longer voyage than others, but they return with the richer lading at last, so that the praying soul is a gainer by waiting for an answer.

- William Gurnall



How can you expect God to speak in that gentle and inward voice which melts the soul, when you are making so much noise with your rapid reflections? Be silent, and God will speak again.

- Francois Fenelon



We lie to God in prayer if we do not rely on him afterwards.  
- Robert Leighton





I have had prayers answered - most strangely so sometimes -  
but I think our heavenly Father's loving kindness has been even  
more evident in what He has refused me.

- Lewis Carroll



Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger.  
Pray not for crutches but for wings.

- Phillips Brooks



Most commit the same mistake with God that they do with  
their friends: they do all the talking.

- Fulton J. Sheen



Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.

- Billy Graham





We never pray for folks we gossip about, and we never gossip about the folk for whom we pray!

- Leonard Ravenhill



Have you ever learned the beautiful art of letting God take care of you and giving all your thought and strength to pray for others and for the kingdom of God? It will relieve you of a thousand cares.

- A. B. Simpson



There is no greater intimacy with another than that which is built through holding him or her up in prayer.

- Douglas Steere



Every time we pray our horizon is altered, our attitude to things is altered, not sometimes but every time, and the amazing thing is that we don't pray more.

- Oswald Chambers





To pray is to change. This is a great grace. How good of God to provide a path whereby our lives can be taken over by love and joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and faithfulness and gentleness and self-control.

- Richard J. Foster



Oh, men and women, pray through; pray through! Do not just begin to pray and pray a little while and throw up your hands and quit, but pray and pray and pray until God bends the heavens and comes down!

- R. A. Torrey



In order to grow in grace, we must be much alone. It is not in society that the soul grows most vigorously. In one single quite hour of prayer it will often make more progress than in days of company with others. It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air it's purest.

- Horatius Bonar



It is by no haphazard chance that in every age men have risen early to pray. The first thing that marks decline in spiritual life is our relationship to the early morning.

- Oswald Chambers





We can be tired, weary and emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power and strength.

- Charles Stanley



*It is very proper for friends, when they part, to part with prayer.*

*- Matthew Henry*



A guest at a country house coming down to breakfast one morning was met by the child of the house, who running up to him and putting his hand in his, looked up into his face with a smile, saying, "I'm your friend now; I put you in my prayer last night!"

- Unknown



Prayer crowns God with the honor and glory due to His name,  
and God crowns prayer with assurance and comfort. The most  
praying souls are the most assured souls.

- Thomas Brooks





*Perfect prayer is only another name for love.*

*- François Fénelon*



We impoverish God in our minds when we say there must be answers to our prayers on the material plane; the biggest answers to our prayers are in the realm of the unseen.

- Oswald Chambers



*Faith gathers strength by waiting and praying.*

*- E. M. Bounds*



Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one's heart. It means rather to find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the heart is full or empty.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer





Our prayer will be most like the prayer of Christ if we do not ask God to show us what is going to be, or to make any particular thing happen, but only pray that we may be faithful in whatever happens.

- Father Andrew



*What isn't won in prayer first, is never won at all.*

*- Malcolm Cronk*



*Let us see God before man every day.*

*- Robert Murray M'Cheyne*



Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength.

- J. Hudson Taylor





He prays well who is so absorbed with God that he does not know he is praying.

- Francois de Sales



God never denied that soul anything that went as far as heaven  
to ask it.

- John Trapp



Let me burn out for God. After all, whatever God may  
appoint, prayer is the great thing. Oh, that I may be a man of  
prayer!

- Henry Martyn



The greatest good and the most profitable gain come when we are up against a blank wall. Then we learn to pray in plain language.

- Arthur Lynip





*Prayer is necessary because everything else is an illusion.*

*- John Garvey*



Prayer in the sense of petition, asking for things, is a small part of it; confession and penitence are its threshold, adoration its sanctuary, the presence and vision and enjoyment of God its bread and wine.

- C. S. Lewis



The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer.

The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer.

The warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer.

- Carlo Carretto



God insists that we ask, not because He needs to know our situation, but because we need the spiritual discipline of asking.  
- Catherine Marshall





*A single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.*

*- Gotthold Ephraim Lessing*



*Do not let us fail one another in interest, care and practical help; but supremely we must not fail one another in prayer.*  
- Michael Baughen



*To live in prayer together is to walk in love together.*

*- Margaret Moore Jacobs*



Prayer is an end to isolation. It is living our daily life with someone; with Him who alone can deliver us from solitude.

- Georges Lefevre





Lord, the Scripture says: "There is a time for silence and a time for speech." Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God.

- Frankfurt prayer (Sixteenth century)



*The value of prayer is not that He will hear us...but that we will finally hear Him.*

*- William McGill*



Avail yourself of the greatest privilege [prayer] this side of heaven. Jesus Christ died to make this communion and communication with the Father possible.

- Billy Graham



Prayer is a choice. For us to pray to give thanks, or to voice our questions and doubts shows that we are choosing to leave an opening in our spirits. Without this opening, there is no vessel, no place into which God can breathe.

- Joanna Laufer





We don't pray to get God's attention. We pray to turn our attention toward him.

- Christopher Knippers



When you pray, you open yourself to the influence of the power which has revealed itself as love. The power gives you freedom and independence. Once touched by this power, you are no longer swayed back and forth by the countless opinions, ideas, and feelings which flow through you. You have found a center for your life that gives you a creative distance so that everything you see, hear, and feel can be tested against the source.

- Henri Nouwen



God does not stand afar off as I struggle to speak. He cares enough to listen with more than casual attention. He translates my scrubby words and hears what is truly inside. He hears my sighs and uncertain gropings as fine prose.

- Timothy Jones



God has one Son who lived without sin, but he has no Son who lived without prayer.

- Unknown





If Christ Himself needed to retire from time to time to the mountain-top to pray, lesser men need not be ashamed to acknowledge that necessity.

- B. H. Streeter



Prayer is aspiration. The self-satisfied disregard it. They who reach for higher things find it a necessity.

Prayer is a discipline. They who seek meaning and purpose in life discover it a wise teacher.

Prayer is an art. We perfect it through practice.

Gradually, the interval between prayer and deed diminishes

- until, at last, all life becomes a sanctuary.

- Alvin Fine

