

Praying Always

by C.H. Spurgeon

The sermon emphasizes the importance of prayer and dependence on God, highlighting the countless benefits and mercies that come from a life of prayer.

Scripture: Psalm 34:6, Psalm 103:2, Psalm 116:1-2, Matthew 7:7, John 15:7, Romans 8:26-27, Philippians 4:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Hebrews 4:16, James 1:5

Topics: "Gratitude", "Prayer"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the importance of persistent prayer, reflecting on the multitude of prayers offered throughout a believer's life, starting from the initial plea for mercy and forgiveness. He highlights that every spiritual need, from sanctification to deliverance, leads us back to God, who is the sole source of our sustenance and strength. Spurgeon encourages believers to recognize that their prayers are met with God's abundant grace and answers, fostering a heart of gratitude for His faithfulness. He reminds us that our spiritual wealth comes not from ourselves but from God's daily provision, urging us to bless the Lord for His countless benefits.

Transcript

What multitudes of prayers we have put up from the first moment when we learned to pray. Our first prayer was a prayer for ourselves; we asked that God would have mercy upon us, and blot out our sin. He heard us. But when He had blotted out our sins like a cloud, then we had more prayers for ourselves. We have had to pray for sanctifying grace, for constraining and restraining grace; we have been led to crave for a fresh assurance of faith, for the comfortable application of the promise, for deliverance in the hour of temptation, for help in the time of duty, and for succour in the day of trial.

We have been compelled to go to God for our souls, as constant beggars asking for everything. Bear witness, children of God, you have never been able to get anything for your souls elsewhere. All the bread your soul has eaten has come down from heaven, and all the water of which it has drunk has flowed from the living rock--Christ Jesus the Lord. Your soul has never grown rich in itself; it has always been a pensioner upon the daily bounty of God; and hence your prayers have ascended to heaven for a range of spiritual mercies all but infinite.

Your wants were innumerable, and therefore the supplies have been infinitely great, and your prayers have been as varied as the mercies have been countless. Then have you not cause to say, "I love the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplication"? For as your prayers have been many, so also

have been God's answers to them. He has heard you in the day of trouble, has strengthened you, and helped you, even when you dishonoured Him by trembling and doubting at the mercy-seat. Remember this, and let it fill your heart with gratitude to God, who has thus graciously heard your poor weak prayers. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

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