



Word on Wednesday Bible Study

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PRAYING WITH POWER: ALIGNING OUR PRAYERS WITH GOD'S WILL

INTRODUCTION: Prayer is one of the greatest privileges given to the believer. It is not a ritual or empty words—it is access, communion, and participation with God Himself. Yet many believers struggle, not because they do not pray, but because they have not learned how to pray effectively. This study will help you move from simply praying words to praying with power by learning how to pray in alignment with God's Word and in faith.

I. THE PROBLEM: PRAYING AMISS

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions" – James 4:3

The phrase "ask amiss" carries the idea of:

- Asking _____
- Asking _____
- Asking _____

The issue is not always _____—it is _____.

You can be active in prayer and still be _____.

You can be consistent in prayer and still be _____.

You can be sincere in prayer and still be _____.

Prayer was never designed to bend _____.

Prayer is designed to align _____.

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

Reflection: The real question is not just: Did you pray?

The real question is: _____

II. THE PRINCIPLE: PRAYING IN ALIGNMENT WITH GOD

To pray "in the Spirit" is not just to pray emotionally—it is to pray _____ with God.



Your prayers are shaped by:

- God's _____
- God's _____
- God's _____

When we pray the Scriptures, we are:

- _____ what God has already said
- _____ revelation
- _____ truth
- _____ confidently

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." - John 15:7

Principle: When your prayer agrees with God's Word, your prayer carries

_____.

III. THE PRACTICE: HOW TO PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Praying Scripture is taking what God has said and turning it into a _____ with Him.

The Flow of Praying Scripture

You find the _____

You _____ the Word

You _____ with the Word

You _____ faith in the Word

You didn't change the Word—you _____ the Word.

You moved from reading Scripture... to _____ Scripture.

IV. THE POSTURE: HOW TO PRAY IN FAITH

Prayer is not _____—it is _____.

The effectiveness of prayer is not just in what you say—it is in _____.



1. **FAITH** — TRUSTING GOD’S WORD ABOVE YOUR FEELINGS

Faith means you trust what God has said—even when _____.

Faith means you interpret reality through _____.

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

Faith-filled prayer is not built on _____—
it is anchored in _____.

2. **PERSISTENCE** — REFUSING TO QUIT WHEN ANSWERS ARE DELAYED

Praying in faith means you remain _____ even when
you don’t see immediate results.

Because _____ is not denial.

And _____ is not absence.

Luke 18:1 (ESV)

“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.”

Persistent prayer says: _____.

3. **CLEAN HEARTS** — APPROACHING GOD WITH SINCERITY AND REPENTANCE

A clean heart does not mean _____—
it means _____ and _____.

“If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” - Psalm 66:18 1

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” - John 1:9



Faith-filled prayer flows best from a heart that is:

_____, _____, and
_____.

4. **THANKSGIVING** — TRUSTING GOD BEFORE YOU SEE THE OUTCOME

Thanksgiving is not just a response _____—
it is a posture _____.

Gratitude is _____.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” - Philippians 4:6

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thess. 5:18

Thanksgiving declares that God is _____, even when
_____.

5. **ALIGNMENT** — DESIRING GOD’S WILL ABOVE YOUR OWN

True prayer is not about getting God to _____—
it is about you _____.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matt. 6:10

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” Luke 22:42

Aligned prayer says: _____.

CONCLUSION: As you leave this study, the goal is not simply to pray more, but to pray aligned. Prayer is not about saying more words—it is about saying what God has already said. It is not about emotional expression alone, but about conviction rooted in Scripture. When you pray the Word, you move from uncertainty to authority. When you pray in faith, you move from emotion to confidence. And when your heart is aligned with heaven, your prayers carry the weight of what God has already spoken.