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The Purpose of Prayer

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Prayer affects all aspects of our lives, so the Scripture admonishes us to pray without ceasing. Jesus declared, “I desire that my people commune with me. They with me and I with them.”

Communication

The primary purpose of prayer is to commune with God. Commune distinctly means focusing on, conversing frequently with earnest vigor, intimate communication, trust, and respect. According to Psalm 145:18, “The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth”

God desires that we commune with Him regarding the plans He has for us. When we seek God regarding His will for the children with whom He has blessed us, we recognize that we are stewards of His heritage. Therefore, we commune with Him and submit to His will for the children.

It is easy to think of what or who we want our children to become. However, it is imperative that we pray not my will, but “Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.”

In Jeremiah 33:3, the Scripture states, “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

Relationship

A good relationship is characterized by many attributes, including trust, respect,

and communication. These are all parts of communing. Therefore, when we pray, we are building our relationship with God. Prayer is a two-way communication process; we speak to God, and He speaks to us. Often, we mistakenly do all the speaking, not allowing God to speak to us.

We must be mindful that; “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

It is vitally important that we pray so we may have the mind of Christ. We do not want to build according to our will, but we want to build in agreement with the mind of Christ.

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

We commune with God through different channels of prayer: through supplication, prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving. The Scripture declares in Luke 18:1, “Men ought always to pray and not to faint.”

To fulfill the highest priority in our lives, we must be people of prayer.

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PeaceFULL

By Jerolyn Kelley



We live in tumultuous times for the world. My husband and I have lived through some very tumultuous and changing times personally. Things that seemed secure and settled have suddenly become uncertain and not as planned.

In the midst of the pandemic, worldwide protests and changing times I listened to a wonderful devotion on “The Keeping Power of Peace”. My spirit was challenged with the thought that peaceful means we are FULL of peace. My cup of peace needs to remain FULL as I trust in the Peacemaker.

It all seems so simple and easy until . . . the storm comes to rock our boat. I ask myself, “Is my cup FULL of peace in the midst of this storm?” Isaiah 26.3 says that the Lord will keep us in perfect peace as we keep our mind stayed (fixed) on

Him. If my mind is not stayed on Him, I can expect to be less than peace FULL. What a comfort to know that His peace will keep me FULL and overflowing if I will just keep focused on Him. It's a good measuring stick for self-evaluating your peace thermometer.

I am challenged to remain FULL of peace in every situation. When an eagle is soaring high in the air, it is not worried about how it's going to cross a river. As the old song says:

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.”

That's the place I long to stay in. May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds FULL of peace. (Philippian 4.7) This is what will keep us in balance and on course for the plan God has for our lives. My desire is that my peaceFULL life will overflow to my children, my daughter-in-law, my son-in-law and my five grandchildren.

Let's all strive to remain peaceFULL. That means we are FULL of peace—no matter what!

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From the Editor

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Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on one day in the first week of each month to unite in focused prayer for our children and the children of the local church and community. Pick a day that work for your group,

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).