

## The Power of Prayer That Everyone Can Experience

Today, we will talk about the power of prayer. One of the greatest assets that we have from God or the Higher Power is the prayer regardless of one's righteousness, religion, or faith tradition. Whenever a natural disaster or a terrible incident happens, politicians tend to end their speech with a famous saying, "We extend our prayers and thoughts to the family of the victims," and it is acceptable as a courtesy to everyone. We have heard the line a lot during this Covid-19 pandemic era. The prayer that we do in whatever form seems to be an indication of acknowledging our limitation and desire to get help from a supernatural source.

You might be one who enjoys prayer regularly and experience God's hand in many ways. On the other hand, you might have a hard time believing the power of prayer or do not know how to pray. You might feel that you are not qualified to pray effectively to convince God or someone who is "upstairs." Some people think that their prayer is not good enough to the Higher Power simply because they do not belong to one of the significant spiritual groups such as Christianity, Muslim, Judaism, Buddhism, or some others.

Now, what is a good prayer that God or the Higher Power likes? Would it be a long and eloquent prayer full of poetic words or quoting of the scriptures? From a Biblical point of view, the prayer that God likes is your honest conversation with God; so that what matters is saying plain words from your heart to Him and your listening attitude to His words. It is not a game or a business deal with God, and there is no magic formula for that. For example, God heard the prayer of Cornelius when he was not yet a Christian. He was a Roman Centurion but a righteous and compassionate man: *"Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor'"* (Acts 10: 30). This fact shocked St. Peter because he used to think that God would only hear the prayer of those from his faith tradition: *"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. (Acts 10: 34, 35).*

Friends, you can start to pray by faith even though your faith is small as a mustard seed, and God can hear that, and you can move the mountains; *"Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you"* (Matthew 17: 20). The faith that Jesus talks about here, in the Christian perspective, is faith in Jesus Christ Himself as the One who is the mediator between God and the world. What are the mountains that we need to move from our path at this time? One of the tallest mountains at this time is the Covid-19. Let us put all our prayers together to move the mountains! Our community needs more prayer, and Canada needs your prayer. The world needs more of our prayer.

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