

Northgate Sermon Notes

TEXT: James 5:16

TOPIC: Seven Keys to an Effective Prayer Life

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Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16 (NKJV)

1. _____ PRAYER

Hebrews 10:19-22, “And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰This is the new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us through the sacred curtain, by means of his death for us.

²¹And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s people,

²²let us go right into the presence of God, with true hearts fully trusting him. For our evil consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean,”

2. _____ PRAYER

How God Answers Our Prayers:

1. He answers _____.
2. He often _____ in answering our prayers.
3. He occasionally answers our prayers _____.
4. He sometimes _____ our prayers.

² “There was a judge in a certain city,” he said, “who was a godless man with great contempt for everyone. ³A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, appealing for justice against someone who had harmed her. ⁴The judge ignored her for a while, but eventually she wore him out. ‘I fear neither God nor man,’ he said to himself, ⁵ ‘but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’ ”

⁶Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this evil judge. ⁷Even he rendered a just decision in the end, so don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who plead with him day and night?

Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when I, the Son of Man, return, how many will I find who have faith?” (Luke 18:2-8, New Living Translation)

3. _____, UNITED PRAYER

Matthew 20:29-34, ²⁹And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. ³⁰And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. ³¹And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. ³²And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, *What will ye that I shall do unto you?* ³³They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. ³⁴So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

4. _____ PRAYER

5. _____ PRAYER

Jude 20, But you, dear friends, must build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. (Living Bible)

6. _____ PRAYER

7. _____ PRAYER

I Timothy 2:1-3, I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God’s mercy upon them, and give thanks. ²Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleases God our Savior,