

OUR PRAYERS NEED A HELPER

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Ephesians 6:18
Zachariah 12:10
Jude 20
Genesis 1:26
Genesis 11:7
Matthew 3:16-17

*John 14:16-17, 26 (NKJV) And I will pray the **Father**, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever ¹⁷ the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you.** ²⁶ **But the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the **Father** will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

The ability to pray in the will of God demands more than mere human reasoning.

Ephesians 6:12
Luke 10:19
Psalms 37:4
John 15:7

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

1) There are times when we do not know how to pray for or what we should pray.

Romans 8:26-27 (NKJV) Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with

*groanings which cannot be uttered.*²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Holy Spirit assists us in praying by giving to us the right desire and direction.

One interpretation:

God makes himself our advocate with himself that he utters for us that indescribable groaning, so that he will surely hear what we ourselves could not have told him, so that he will accept what he himself has to offer.

2) We need to know and be aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit dwells in us.

1 Corinthians 3:16
Romans 8:9

3) To “pray in the Spirit” we must be careful that we do not grieve Him.

*Ephesians 4:30-32 (NKJV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit.*³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

James 2:13 (TLB) For there will be no mercy to those who have shown no mercy. But if you have been merciful, then God’s mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.

4) In order to “pray in the Spirit” we must be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV) And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.