

## Morning and Evening

Since turning to Christ we have always prayed daily, and more so other times, but the reality is, for us and probably many others it is in the time of need that we tend to cry out to God more often.

Usually it is either for our own need or someone close to us.

Well, today is one such day when we need to increase and extend our prayer time, your life or someones' close to you, depends on it.

### **Psalms 5:3**

**In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice;  
In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.**

We all have different prayer habits, times and places when and where we pray, but the important thing is that we do pray.

Personally I find myself in an almost constant prayer mode, talking to the Lord throughout the day, with an expectation that Holy Spirit will also speak to me.

Living with our ears tuned to hear His voice.

I begin the day with inviting the Holy Spirit to lead and guide and then at night, thanking Him for the day gone.

Each night at bedtime Janette and I thank the Lord for His faithfulness and kindness to us, we also pray for our family members and others we are close with.

Prayer must be an essential habit for all of us.

But if it hasn't been your practice, it is never too late to start.

I'm so thankful that we have a relationship with a living God who is not swayed by changing emotions, as so often we are. He is not like us. He does not say things like, "Well I haven't heard from you in a while, you only talk to me when you're in trouble, what makes you think that I'll listen to you today?"

No, no, absolutely no, that is not the way God responds.

### **Psalms 86:6-7**

**Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And give heed to the voice of my  
supplications!  
7 In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, For You will answer me.**

At this time when we find ourselves, along with millions of others around the world, in some kind of isolation due to the spread of Covid-19, I cannot but help think and say; what an opportunity we have to pray more.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:17** **Pray without ceasing;**

Prayer, constantly and consistently, is one of the two crucial and essential practices to experience a personal revival. The other is, read the Word of God, that too constantly and consistently.

As a part of our morning routine Janette and I spend time praying together. We haven't set a specific length of time to pray and so it varies from day to day, but there is always plenty to pray for.

Usually we begin by reading a passage of scripture, often a Psalm or a Proverb, which is always a great preparation for prayer.

We always start with thanksgiving and praise, then for the family, praying for known needs and also making declarations; speaking blessing over all the households.

Following that we lift up our friends and our network partners across SE Asia and in other parts world.

Then we'll pray for other things, like government, situations and needs that we are conscious of, while at the same time having our hearts tuned to Holy Spirit listening for Him to lead us and direct our praying.

I'll be speaking more about prayer in the future, but let me say this again, our God answers prayers! Whether it is the ordinary or the extraordinary God answers prayer in Jesus name.

I could share so many testimonies, here's a couple...

- Like once many years back being prompted by Holy Spirit one morning to pray against the drug smugglers and for the authorities to discover their operations. About a week or so later there was a news report of a huge drug importing operation was suddenly discovered by the police.
- Late one evening Janette and I heard a news report about a missing child and immediately we began praying that the little girl would be found quickly and without harm. The next morning she was found safe and unharmed.
- What we thought was interesting were the words spoken by the senior leading police officer as live on the Television news his first words that out of his mouth were, "It is a miracle."

What an awesome God we serve!

Now before I go let me quickly remind you of two important things.

1. Giving thanks to the Lord is always a great place to start your prayers.

**Psalms 100:4**

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

2. To make declarations that are based on the Word of God, over your own life and the lives of others who you are in relationship with, this is a powerful source of blessing.

**Psalms 92:1-2**

**It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning  
And Your faithfulness by night,**

MORNING and EVENING or whenever it is that you choose to pray, just as long as you do.

We can be assured and confident that the living God, and His Son Jesus Christ, hears and answers our prayers.

**1 John 5:14-15**

**This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.**

So until next time: With blessings and love, please stay safe and well in Jesus name!