



Praying Together

Why It's Important to Pray With Others

Leader's Notes

I. Praise and worship are part of your weaponry.

- Praise will take over your thought life.
- Praise will bring down mental strongholds of doubt, fear and worry.
 - 2 Corinthians 10:5, *"Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (NKJV).*
- You can flood your thinking with the power of praise and worship to stop thoughts of unbelief.
 - Philippians 4:6-9, *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you" (NLT).*
- Faith comes by continually hearing the Word of God.
 - Romans 10:17, *"So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ" (NLT).*
- If you don't feel like praising, sacrifice your feelings and praise.
 - Hebrews 13:15, *"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (NKJV).*





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- The man whose heart is fixed on the Lord will not be afraid of evil tidings.
 - Psalm 112:7, *“He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord” (NKJV).*
- There is a difference between praising God *in* adversity and praising God *for* adversity.
- God does not bring you adversity. Like a good parent He uses the adversity you brought on yourself to teach you.
- The joy of the Lord is your strength.
 - Nehemiah 8:10, *“For the joy of the Lord is your strength!” (NLT).*

II. Raise holy hands.

- Praise the heavenly Father in the Name of Jesus.
- Your hands are holy because you use the Name of Jesus and because of who you are in Christ.
 - 1 Timothy 2:8, *“In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy” (NLT).*
- The devil wants to stop you from lifting your hands and praising God, so he won’t have to fight the power of God that is ushered in through your praise.
 - Psalm 8:2, *“Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger” (NKJV).*
 - Psalm 50:14-15, *“Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High. Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory” (NLT).*
- The man who wants to be involved with God lives a life of praise.
 - Psalm 63:4, *“Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name” (NKJV).*

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- Lifting your hands portrays thanksgiving—throwing all you are toward God and receiving all He has to give.
- Praising God is His will.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, *“Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus”* (NLT).

III. Hebrew words of praise.

- *Yada*—vigorous extending of the hands.
 - Psalm 44:8, *“O God, we give glory to you all day long and constantly praise your name”* (NLT).
- *Halal*—Hallelujah! To celebrate; to be clamorous about God.
 - Psalm 150:1, *“Praise the Lord!”* (NLT).
- *Shabach*—to shout, to command.
 - Psalm 63:3 *“Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!”* (NLT).
- *Barak*—to bless God, to kneel, to bow down.
 - Judges 5:2, *“Praise ye the Lord for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves”* (KJV).

Quote From Kenneth Copeland

This is God’s primary, principal way of doing things among men: The Word was preached, it brought faith, and signs and wonders followed.

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Confession

I believe God answers my prayers, and I fight thoughts of doubt, fear and worry with praise. Gladly do I praise and worship with hands raised and arms extended to my glorious God and King!

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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