

PRAYER FOCUS: We can bring Everything to Jesus in Prayer

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, the one who seeks finds, and the one who knocks the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8

As we focus on the promise that we can bring EVERYTHING to the Lord in prayer I pray, for the next generation to come boldly into your throne room, knowing you promise to answer. We pray when the answer isn't what they expect, they will see the earthly disappointments as blessings and protection. Thank you, Jesus, that we can bring all our needs and burdens and concerns, worries and anxieties to you in prayer. In Your name we ASK Jesus. Amen

Selah - Pause during Easter week

An unexpected door to a conversation of the heart with one from the next generation recently revealed the heart of fears and the anxieties that come upon this generation. And what I heard in all of this was the need for this next generation to stop running and to pause. Selah. "Jesus our King, in this most Holy of weeks. In the middle of what we know is coming on Sunday. What we know is coming - your return. May this next generation pause Father. May they take time this week to praise and meditate on your "awesomeness" above the mayhem and keeping up with the things around them. Stop them on their Damascus Road, however you reach them Lord. Oh, that they would know with true certainty that you are there waiting. Jesus, we cry shouts of victory in Your Name. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Holy Saturday - Hope of Resurrection

The waiting of Saturday. Saturday brought grief, sorrow, pain, and anxiety. Fear of the unknown and grief of the horrific, death of their Master. As I ponder these verses today, I can't think of a more anxiety stricken and fearful day. Even those who despised Him were fearful to the point of demanding the tomb sealed and guarded. But Jesus was resting. His work completed. The worst was over and the miracle that changed everything was coming!!

Oh, how I pray in the Saturday of our waiting our next generation rests and hopes in the promise of the resurrection. Not the fear and anxiety of what is past or what is ahead, but the promise of The Hope. The Resurrection! Thank you, lesus. Amen.

Easter Sunday

We sang this hymn every Easter at the small Baptist Church in NJ I attended. I was a young teenager, and it was just a few years before I walked away from Jesus. But the people in that church loved to tell of His mighty deeds!! And 20 plus years later when I came back to Jesus and surrendered all - it was those foundations taught in that church that were hidden in my heart all those years. It's Easter! He Arose! Hallelujah!! Let's tell the next generation of all He has done!!! I promise they're listening. I was.



Ask and it Will be Given - Matthew 7:7

This week let's focus on asking. Jesus promises if we ask anything in His name, he will do it. On His last night with the disciples, He promised in 6 different passages if we ask in His name, He will do it. Surely, surely that must lead us to boldness and confidence in prayer.

"Holy God, these days that follow Easter and the celebration of THE RESURRECTION I am so humbled by your love, mercy, grace, and provision. A love so amazing that it is your desire that we come, and we ask and seek you. It brings you great Joy Jesus when we come with our burdens and lay them at the foot of the cross. Father, as we meditate and pray this month on the words of Jesus, may the Spirit move us toward asking with a new boldness. May it be that we ask for the next generation those things in our hearts that keep us awake at night. The fears and anxieties and worry over our children. Yet, you knew them before we did and have plans for them. Help us as this school year ends, to be persistent and trust them into your loving hands. Remind the weary heart today, Jesus. May we never give up in asking in Your Holy Name."

Ask in His Name

"Father God, I pray for a generation that comes to you and asks. I pray they would ask not for wishes, wants and desires of their hearts, but desires of your heart Father. I pray they would ask with humility Lord God, and I pray that they would desire to know your will for their lives. Oh Jesus, to ask in your name is to know you and to desire to walk with you to read your word and to trust in you. I pray they would be anxious for nothing and with praise and thanksgiving ASK. In your Name Jesus, Amen."

Fesus says, "Come to Me."

"Lord oh Lord, how easy it is to fall into the trap of discouragement. I pray oh Father for our next generation. We continue to pour out and bring to you our plea for calming the anxiety that seems to be wreaking havoc on them in multitudes. And yet, Jesus you so lovingly, openly tell us to come to you. To lay our burdens down and to ask you. I pray Lord that (names) will know they can come to you with all kinds of prayers and requests. I pray as they grow in your grace that their prayers would deepen and reflect your word and the truth. And yet Lord, for those who think they are not worthy enough to come to you, or they don't have the right words – oh that they would know those are lies. Thank you, Jesus, that you taught us to pray and have shown us to come to the Father with adoration, confession, supplication, and thanksgiving. Thank you, our Father, Jesus, we come and ask in your Holy Name, Amen."

Seek - Matthew 7:7

Ask, Seek, Knock. 3 verbs. 3 calls to action and this week we focus on SEEK "Father, I pray there is nothing passive about these students and the next generation that we bring to you in prayer. Seeking you and your kingdom and righteousness is no passive action. How good you are Father that you tell us to come to you not passively hoping for an answer but with confidence and assurance because you promise. And Father, we know they must discover this on their own. Stir them to seek, chase and run after our Lord Jesus. I pray what they are looking for would be found in You. Stir them to run and follow hard after Jesus, only Jesus. Amen."



Seek with all heart, soul and mind - Deuteronomy 4:29

Seeking is "an attempt to find something." If we are seeking to find, then we must have lost something. Prayer: "Our next generation Father is looking and running after empty treasure because so many are lost. Each one desires to belong, and I pray to you Jesus that: (insert names here), and the next generation would know from the words of Deuteronomy 4:29 that if they seek the Lord God, they will find Him if they look with all their heart and soul. I pray they would take their worries and burdens and not look for the quick fixes. What a Promise Keeper that you are not hidden away, that none of us can be good enough, but with a true confession of the heart that asks Jesus to be our Savior, you invite us into a relationship with you that is filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In Jesus Name, Amen"

Persist in Prayer - Matthew 7:7-8

"Oh, heavenly Father. I pray as we gather in the name of Jesus here, in these days that you would ignite in us a persistence like we have never experienced. As we knock, knowing you promise to be on the other side, remind each of us to never grow weary in prayer. To remember Jesus is on the other side of the door waiting for us. May it be so that we would remember this IS a battle and that you have given us every weapon to fight against the enemy that IS seeking to kill and destroy our next generation. Your word promises if we ask you will give, if we seek then we will find you and if we knock you will open the door. Oh Lord how long will it take us to claim these promises and persist knowing you are the GOOD GOOD Father who loves to lavish us. Speak into that one mom today who has grown weary and given up. Thank you that you have taught us to pray, you haven't left us without instruction, and you have provided all that we need in our Savior Jesus, and it is in His Name that we pray. Amen"

Earthly Disappointments

Oh, my Father, it astounds me as we lift these students to you by name that You know everything about: (your child's name) the next generation. You know where they have been, the choices they are making and you hear their prayers, and ours for them. And Lord, I pray with as much fervency as I possibly can that for them, and each one of us, that when we ask and are faced with an earthly disappointment, that we will ASK Jesus, what He wants us to know from this closed door. I pray that they will continue to SEEK for your will to be done in their lives and that they will continue to KNOCK and persist when things don't go the way they think is best, and study and meditate on your amazing love that desires to give us good things Lord. I thank you for the hard things that cause us to storm the secret place where you draw us in and grow us. In Jesus Name. Amen.



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Psalm 78:4



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