

Prayer

The gift of prayer is the ability to pray daily, and to frequently receive clear responses from God to prayer requests

Scriptural References

1 Samuel 1:9-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Luke 2:36-38, Luke 11:1-13, Acts 16:19-34, Colossians 4:12, 1 Timothy 2:1-4, James 5:13-18

Biblical Models

Moses, Hannah, David, Anna, Jesus, Paul and Silas

People with this gift can

- Pray for an hour or more each day.
- Feel God's presence throughout the day.
- Find direction and answers to prayer in the Bible.
- Frequently receive concrete responses to prayer.
- Always take questions, concerns, joys and needs to God in prayer.

Cautions

- May give others without this gift a guilty conscience or cause them to feel less "spiritual."
- May see prayer as the answer to everything and neglect other forms of Christian action.

Personal Traits

- Open
- Caring
- Spiritual
- Sensitive
- Loving
- Intuitive
- Trusting
- Assured

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Join with others who have this gift. Have someone that you go to for prayer and support.
- Maintain a prayer request list and note results.
- If possible, create a prayer place in your house.
- Attend retreats and other opportunities for personal nurture in prayer.

Possible Tasks

- Prayer groups or chains, vigils, personal witness to other Christians about prayer, ...

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Pray.