

PRAYER THAT MOVES GOD

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The Jerusalem church and all of us who are believers in Christ can confidently bring our requests to the Lord because we know the One to whom we pray. Sadly many people say they believe in God, but in reality, their prayers are directed to a deity whom they have created in their minds. This self-made God doesn't convict them of sin, righteousness, or a coming judgement.

2. Prayer that moves God is offered _____.

Fervent prayer is motivated by love and deep concern and is offered with enthusiasm, feeling, and faith. This is not a casual listing of requests, but prayer that flows from the heart over a pressing need.

Luke 22:44 (NKJV) *And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

3. Prayer that moves God is made _____ to His will.

God answers requests when two people agree in prayer about anything that is in according to His will. As we faithfully pray, He will give us a discerning spirit to know the truth and insight we need for life.

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV) *Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

4. Prayer that moves God are _____.

There is a clear precedent from scripture that God not only works through our prayers, but He is also working on us as we pray and this often means it takes time, patience and persistence to see the answer come through.

Luke 18:1 (NKJV) *Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

5. Prayer that moves God are _____.

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