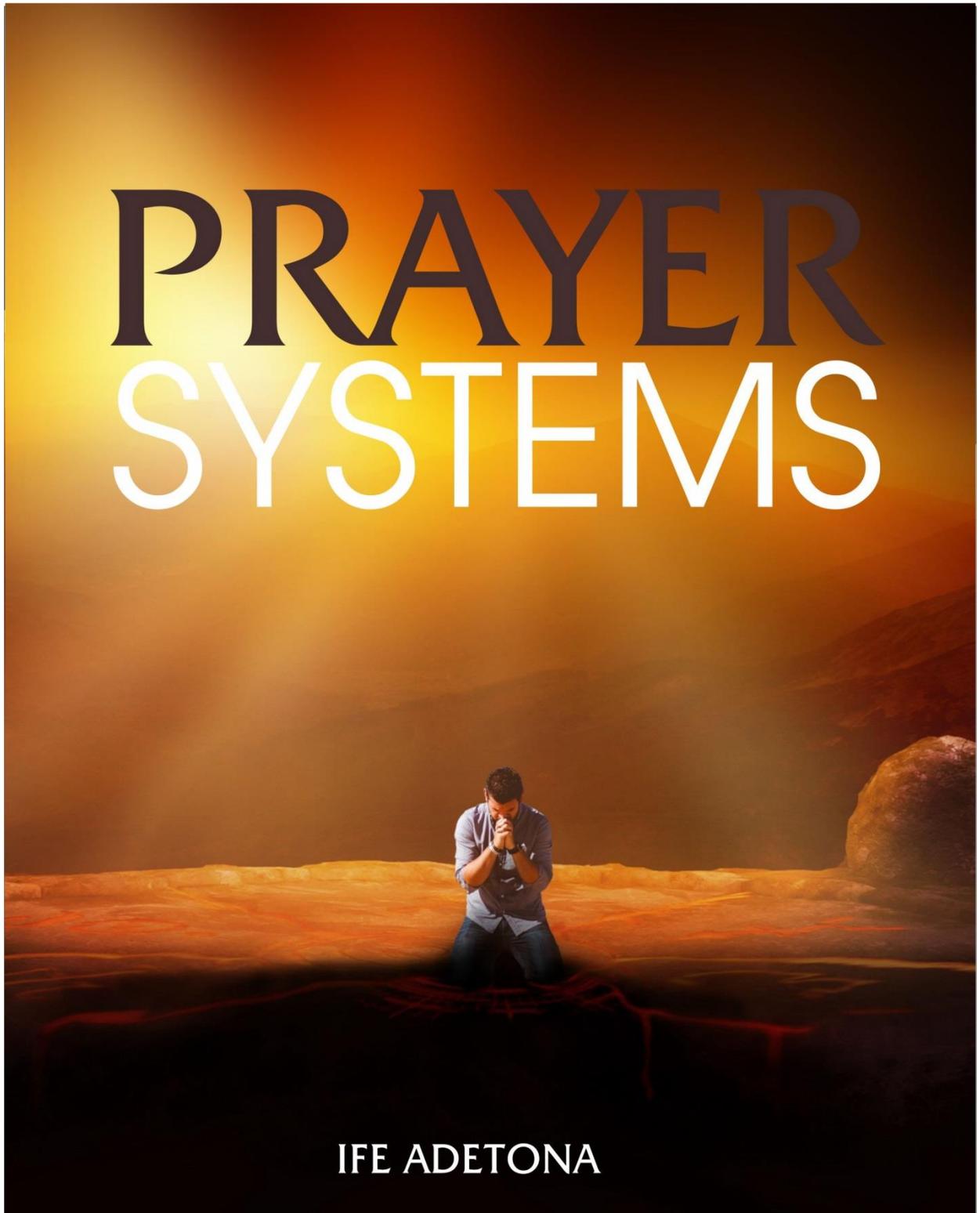


PRAYER SYSTEMS



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ABOUT THE BOOK

Most Christians today complain about not getting their prayers answered. In fact, some people have lost faith in the efficacy of prayer. The reason is however not far-fetched: prayer is highly misunderstood. Many believers fail to understand that prayer is a system and as such, one needs to properly understand how it works for one to get optimal result from it.

This book addresses prayer as a system and it explains the different components of prayer as well as the types of prayer. It explains in plain terms how to effectively pray the different types of prayers to get result.

This book is a great resource to believers everywhere who believe in the efficacy of prayers. It will not only help you pray better; it will also help you pray effectively and get results.



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#1

Where We Get It Wrong

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

Prayer is one of the most commonly practiced Biblical concept among believers yet it remains highly misunderstood. I love to put it this way: *what believers do the most is praying and what we do the least is praying.* Many people are still confused on what prayer is and how to say the right prayers. This has led many to claim that they didn't get answers after series of prayers. They end up saying that God doesn't answer prayers. Another challenging area is whether to say prayers quietly or aloud and many don't know if it is right to repeat prayers.

I had similar challenges as a child and that was when my quest about prayer started. We went for vigil on a Friday but, we were very few in attendance. Our pastor called several prayer points which I prayed but on getting to Church on Sunday, the pastor repeated most of the prayers. People jumped up and prayed seriously. At that point, I resolved in my heart that I was not going to say those prayers since I already said the same prayers at the vigil and I believed God heard me. But as I grew older, I realized that it was a culture to repeat prayers.

The root of the confusion about prayers is that people don't know that there are different KINDS OF PRAYERS! Ephesians 6:18 says *Praying with all KINDS OF PRAYERS and requests.* When we understand the

different kinds of Biblical prayers then we will know how to handle each and the principle guide them.

I believe that as you read this book, God will fill your hearts with proper understanding that you may pray alright and receive answers. Amen.

I remembered one of our students in School of Prayer. She lives in California, USA. She said everyone used to call her “fire for fire” because of her assumed prayer prowess until she came to the School of Prayer and realized that she has been doing everything except praying.

#2 Setting It Right

Praying always with all prayers and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints - Ephesians 6:18

We need to understand that there are *aspects of prayer*. We have been made to feel that all prayers are *requests* that is, ask and receive from God.

Let's examine a popular scripture:

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians.4:18-19

One may think that the prayer in this scripture is a request but when you consider it carefully, do you still think that it is a request? If Paul had written "...may my God..." it would have been a request but, He wrote "...my God shall..." That definitely wasn't a plea or a request; it was a STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE.

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus - NLT

Church tradition has conditioned us to think that prayer is all about asking God to do something. However, most New Testament prayers don't go that way. Let's check this:

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk

- Acts 3:6

Here Peter said a short line of prayer but, was he asking God to heal the man? No! He commanded/declared that man to be healed in Jesus name.

Compare Peter's prayer with this:

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.

And he came out the same hour

- Acts 16:18

Here, Paul wasn't praying to God or asking God to deliver the girl, He only commanded/declared that the spirit come out in Jesus name. Peter and Paul's prayers can be likened to presenting a cheque to a bank cashier and requesting for the amount written on the cheque. Here, you aren't asking the Owner of the account (God) to give you the money, you are demanding from the cashier (the situation or devil) to obey you in the Owner's Name- Jesus.

When you kneel to pray what do you say to God? Do you just speak some words and stand up or do you just making your requests and stop when the bell rings? If that is what you do, it is not bad but most times when praying, we are supposed to engage God in a dialogue. We are not to ask, demand and leave; we are to dialogue. *"Father, I am in this situation how do I go about it?"* Then you wait for Him to tell you the steps to take. Another way to pray is to discuss the situation with the Holy Spirit.

I see your prayer life take a new turn by the reason of your encounter with this book.

#3

If It Is Thy Will

And this is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us

- I John 5:14

Many New Testament believers have either returned to the Old Testament way of praying or have refused to grow up spiritually thus making them baby Christians. Most people say prayers in the manner written below.

LORD, if it is thy will for me to travel to Lagos tomorrow, let it rain.

If it is His will for me to go to school, He will provide the money, if it is not, He won't.

Father, on this issue, let thy will be done.

You will even find ministers who confidently and passionately say prayers this way. The questions that beg to be answered are: Do you even know the will of God for your life? Do you know the will of God concerning that situation? If you aren't sure, your first prayer point should be to know God's will. Every child of God is expected to know the will of the Father. Don't forget that this book is written to the born again, children of God!

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ASK WHAT YE WILL, and it shall be done unto you

- *John 15:7*

When you are conversant with the Scriptures, you will know what the will of God is. Imagine a child who got home hungry and met food in the kitchen but refused to eat. When the mother returned, she asked why he didn't eat the food. He then answered that he wasn't sure if it was her will for him to eat.

I know it is the will of God for me to be healed and to be successful! How do I know this? The Word tells me that by His stripes, I was healed. It would be foolish for me to then say "God, heal me if it is your will". I dare not even say "God, give me thy Holy Spirit if it is thy will". The Bible already tells me that it is His will. Get to know His will through His word and by the Spirit of truth (John 16:13) then you can always pray with an assurance of result.

#4

Unanswering Your Prayers

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and DOUBTING
- I Timothy 2:8

I will use two life stories to buttress how so many people delete answers to their prayers. They are stories as related by eye witnesses:

Sis. Han was lying bedridden (couldn't move out of the bed) in her house and not likely to survive the night so the church came together to pray for her and gave thanks that God had answered their prayers. The following evening service, a sister announced to the church that Sis. Han has been able to rise from her bed and was now sitting on a wheelchair and the Doctor was surprised that she hasn't died. Then the Sister added that Sis. Han was still very weak (of course you expect such who just stood from a static position to feel weak), and the church should pray again for her healing. They all said the prayer. Sister Han didn't last three more days. She died.

A brother was sick in the hospital when the preacher announced that prayer be said for him. The congregation prayed and as the preacher was walking away he suddenly turned and asked the church "*How many of you are still going to keep praying for the brother?*" All except one raised their hands. Then the preacher asked "*why are you going to do that?*" He went on to explain that God had already healed the brother since they had prayed and all they needed do was to keep praising God. The service

was still ongoing when a man walked in and announced that the sick brother suddenly rose up from the hospital bed and he was okay.

Why do you think Sis. Han died in the first story and the second brother lived? It's simply for the fact that, the first Church erased their answers after they have received it while the other Church retained their blessings. I tell you, repeating requests made to God has the potency of erasing our answers. BEWARE so you don't start blaming God.

For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him
- Luke 19:26

We can paraphrase the Bible passage above this way:

...and from him whose prayer had been answered but who thinks it is yet to be answered, that which he has as an answer will be taken away from him.

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up
- Mark 4:4

We can also paraphrase Mark 4:4 passage this way:

And when the answer was given, it fell by the way of doubt and the fowls came and devoured the answers.

Prayer: I receive deliverance from the hold of doubt in Jesus name.

#5

Praying In Jesus Name

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you
- John 16:23

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it -
John 14:13-14

Whatever goes up comes down; that is the law of gravity according to science. However, to me, it is a natural law, scientists just gave it a name. Just like the law of gravity, prayer also has its principles and laws. Failure to apply the right principle may result in no answer. Jesus clearly told us not to pray to him or ask him anything! The Person you are to ask is the FATHER "...in my Name". Then, as the Mediator, I will deliver your answers to you. I wish all men could understand this basic principle of prayer.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ -Ephesians 5:20

Here, Apostle Paul was saying that prayers of thanksgiving should be offered to the FATHER in Jesus' name and not to be directed to Jesus. Note that this is different from praising Jesus or thanking Him.

Another area of concern is that, our prayers should be ended with IN JESUS NAME, I have prayed and not for JESUS' SAKE or FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, I have prayed. It is amazing to see it exists also in Yoruba

language: “for Christ’s sake we have prayed”- “*to ri Jesu la'gbadura*”. How does that sound? Are you doing Jesus a favour? Are you praying to the FATHER so you can help the SON? You may be tempted to think that you have been praying that way and you have received answers. But if you will think deeply, you will realize that you have not received answers to most prayers you say that way. Do it the right way and you will always get the right result. Address God on His own terms and not on your own terms.

I know some are used to the wrong patterns, if you desire a sincere change, tell the HELPER -Holy Spirit- to help you get used to it.

#6

Dynamics of His Name

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover

- Mark 16:17-18

IN MY NAME...they shall cast out demons!

Who will cast out demons? Believers! In whose name? Jesus' name! I preached in a Church some years ago. The message was directed to parents and rebellious children. During the prayer session, I told the parents to cast out possible demons and powers militating against their children in Jesus name. For example, "I command devil to take his hands off my children in Jesus name." I handed the microphone over to the assembly Pastor and when he would lead his own prayers, he said something like "let's tell God, to help us forbid devil in our children's life." The congregation said the prayers passionately as against the way they acted when I led them. I shook my head in pain at their ignorance.

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST to come out of her. And he came out the same hour

- Acts 16:18:

JESUS says use my name NOT ask me to come and do it Myself.

IN MY NAME... they shall speak in new tongues.

Every believer can speak in tongues but many are blinded by erroneous teachings against this truth. Many fast and pray to get filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of new tongues but, since we knew the truth and apply it in our ministry, getting people filled is done within minutes using the NAME OF JESUS.

IN MY NAME.... if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them.

That is the word of God. I may refuse to eat a meal if I am specifically led not to eat but I have never eaten a meal with fear of being poisoned. Some Christians don't even eat pork; they believe that it is not clean. Bless all meals in Jesus name and enjoy your meal. I once lived in a place where the water was dirty. None of my neighbours drank from the water but then, I couldn't afford to spend money on *pure water* (sachet water) at that time and so I continued to drink from the only source of water in the name of Jesus with thanksgiving and I was fine, very fine.

A member of our ministry mistakenly drank a good volume of Kerosene, I read Mark 16:17 to her and we prayed IN JESUS NAME. Guess what? IT BY NO MEANS HURT HER. We have members of our ministry who have been bitten by scorpions at different times, they applied no form of treatment and it didn't hurt them in anyway. One of them was bitten on the face very close to her eye while she slept; she applied nothing but anointed the place with oil and prayed in the name of Jesus.

IN MY NAME... they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

To the glory of God, I have done that several times. We don't ask Jesus to come down and heal the people NO; we heal them in Jesus name.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the NAME OF JESUS Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk
- Acts 3:6

I see the Name of Jesus as a key that open doors when you use it right. It works! I tell you, that Name is sufficient and it is all encompassing!

Speak to your situation right now in the NAME OF JESUS.

#7 Prayer of Faith

Therefore I say to YOU, whatever things YOU ask when YOU pray, believe that YOU receive them, and YOU will have them
- Mark 11:24

I wrote at the beginning of this book that there are many forms or kinds of prayer. One of them is the PRAYER OF FAITH. In subsequent pages, I shall be discussing other kinds of prayer.

Prayer of faith is defined in the passage above. Once you follow the method, you will get the result. The New Testament believers are unlike those who lived in the Old Testament. Those who live then had to WORK for everything they needed but, we are to BELIEVE that our needs have been met.

The passage says “WHATEVER THINGS you desire...” You can write your own desire there, once you desire it PRAY. For example, “Father, I receive promotion at my place of work in Jesus Name.” Then, BELIEVE you already have your answer (like a signed cheque in place of cash). It is after you have believed that you will HAVE the answer.

Desire —————> **Pray** —————> **Believe** —————> **Have it**

You can't jump the protocol when it comes to prayer of faith. Prayer of faith is designed to pray for your PERSONAL needs. You will notice that “YOU” was mentioned five times in the single verse.

PRAYER OF FAITH is said in a receiving way. Let's study the way Jesus demonstrated it:

“Let no fruit grow on thee hence forward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.” Mathew 21:19b.

You can make your own prayer the same way. For example: I receive my freedom from every academic setback in Jesus name. There was a member of our ministry who was planning to resign from her place of work because they refused to redeploy her to the department she wanted. I told her to pray and that she should send the prayer to me on WhatsApp.

She started by praising God and did all sorts including asking God to intervene in the situation. The only thing she did not do was that she did not pray. I told her to be specific on her request not just asking for intervention. I told her to pray as though she has received the answer and as a person with authority. She reconstructed her prayers and said: I declare that my boss put me in this department in Jesus Name. The following day, her boss called her and sent her to the exact department. Glory to God.

...and does not DOUBT in his heart, but BELIEVES

Can you see why you pray often and God seems far away? Some pray for a particular thing but have a contradictory belief in their hearts; they allow doubt. Doubt will surely come but you should never permit it to stay. You are to reply doubt with a statement of faith like “I am free from academic setback in Jesus name”. I often tell people that if the devil

doesn't stop firing the darts of doubts into your heart, you shouldn't stop knocking out the doubts with words of faith else it will overpower you.

And that is where many people fail or miss it.

Can you make a Prayer of Faith right now?

#8

Ministering unto the Lord

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:2

Prayer of praise and worship is a major way of MINISTERING TO THE LORD as seen in the passage. To minister means to render a service at one's own expense. The early Church practiced a great deal of RENDERING SERVICE to God (Acts 2:46, 47).

It is also a section of what we call *waiting on God*. I can be done alone but it is better done as a congregation. I am not talking about the praise and worship session that is usually done as part of a service in Christian gatherings. Those ones are usually observed casually for few minutes but, the prayer of praise and worship or ministering to God or waiting on God should be done as a special service on its own and it must be long enough.

While doing this, all that should matter should be ministering to God in praises and most especially in worship. You all lift your hearts in awe and sing praises and worship to Him. You are prepared to go as long as HE WANTS YOU. At times, you burst in tongues of praise putting all your burdens and pains behind you. I have seen a lot of this happen in our ministry especially at retreats. There was a time I held a vigil with four of our members (2 brothers and 2 sisters); all we did from 11pm-6am was

ministering to the Lord in worship and praise. We initially planned to pray but we ended up ministering to the Lord in praises and worship.

...the Holy Ghost said:

It was during this period that the Holy Ghost spoke to the brethren about the call of Barnabas and Paul. By no doubt, it was through prophecy that the Holy Ghost spoke; that was why verse 1 noted the presence of prophets. I have seen and known that the best time the Holy Spirit speaks divine mysteries to men is at the time they minister unto God. That 7 hours' vigil birthed a lot of prophecies and visions for us and the ministry. It is always a two-way affair; you minister to Him and He speaks to you. Great impartation and deliverance also take place at such times. I wish Christian meetings today could lead us into such all the time.

You can as well observe it privately. Can you set a time apart to minister to the Lord now?

#9 United Prayer

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with ONE ACCORD, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is. Acts 4:24

Most young Pentecostals of today may not understand how unheard of it was for a congregation to pray together all at once, each person saying his own but that's not the case in some orthodox churches. My first visit to an orthodox service was as though I went to watch a movie in a cinema. The Priest recites 99% of the prayers from a book and the congregation chorused amen or say few lines at regular intervals. This is not intended to ridicule anyone or any church, I respect those churches and I have even been invited to minister the Holy Ghost Baptism in such places; I am only trying to paint a picture.

The issue of whether it was right to pray aloud in unity or to pray in the orthodox way of chorus and recitations was a serious bone of contention among the early Pentecostals and the orthodox. But all through the Bible especially in the Acts of the Apostles, we see believers praying all at once on an agreed point. As good as this form of prayer is, and in fact it is almost the fastest means of getting answers after the *Prayer of Agreement*, it is abused by some Pentecostals. I have been to places where the Pastor asked the congregation to keep praying in order to keep them busy while he attends to some other businesses

When we are to pray in unity, the leader must make us see a need for the prayer and drive our faith to agree with it. It is a serious business; it

shouldn't be done absentmindedly. Besides, the prayer must be meaningful and should have a rigid biblical back up. It must be precise, not like a bullet shot randomly but done purposely! When this is done our prayers will be answered speedily.

SHOULD IT BE ALOUD?

Honestly, your loudness doesn't change God; it can only excite your pastor. Your silence does not bore God either, but it may dampen your own spirit and make you fall asleep or become distracted. At least, united prayers should be spoken aloud. Like I said at the beginning of this book, all prayers are not speaking to God; oftentimes, we speak to the situation in Jesus name. In that sense, the prayer must be spoken aloud. You may not be able to correct your Church but you should correct yourself, pray for your Church and influence others positively.

#10

The Prayer of Commitment

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

I Peter 5:7. Amplified

The Prayer of Agreement and Prayer of Commitment are two forms of prayers the Lord revealed to me and they have been of great blessing to me.

From the passage above, you will see that the prayer of commitment is not actually an act of praying but an act of consciously committing a situation to the hands of God; casting all, rolling all your cares, anxiety and worries unto God, without holding anything back! If you understand this prayer and practice it, there are so many prayers you won't bother with.

...ONCE AND FOR ALL

Many believers knee and pour their heart to God about particular pressing situations. But they remain worried about those issues. After waiting for long without receiving answers, they conclude that God is wicked. The truth is, they never allowed God do His work. They didn't hand their cares over to him but they conclude that God didn't attend to them. He said: give them to me, ONCE AND FOR ALL. Some people go to pray for God to lighten their burdens. God would never answer such prayer! He already told you to give all to Him or keep it all to yourself.

A woman would always pray to God to bring her son home safely whenever he travels, yet she wouldn't sleep but would stand by the door waiting for him. The son came in one day and told his mum that if she will always be worried whenever he travels, she shouldn't bother to pray and if she prays, she should sleep.

Why pray when you can worry, why worry when you can pray?

...FOR HE CARES FOR YOU

I know your case is pitiful, I know you are drowning in sorrow, I know your heart is heavy, tears run down your cheeks. But can you wait to listen to God your Father? The Scriptures says that He cares AFFECTIONATELY for you. I have seen some of my spiritual children weighed down, and with love in my voice, I told them: "I care for you". I have been under duress and have my wife told me: "you know I care". That word itself is like a medicine, it takes away a large portion of the burden. God is not a man that deceives and says what He never meant: HE TRULY CARES FOR YOU. Cast all on Him.

HOW?

Put your situation into writing or words. Say it to Him explicitly after that, take it away from your heart. Tell Him that you leave it for Him. That's all. God once told me that I have learnt things that are bigger than my age and he was referring to the prayer of commitment and agreement. How I love going to Him to roll ALL on Him for He cares for me affectionately. He is my burden bearer and load carrier.

If you had one thousand naira note on you and a man comes to you for help, you dipped your hand in your pocket and gave all to him. If another person comes and requested for one hundred naira, you will surely tell the person that you have no money. So is your situation. Commit all of it to Him then, you have nothing to worry about.

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Can you do the prayer of commitment now?

#11 Praying With Tongues

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered - Romans 8:26

If you don't believe in speaking in tongues in this age of explosion in the spiritual realm, then you need to talk to yourself. Speaking in tongues is the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost Baptism. Some don't believe this but their unbelief won't change the Scriptures. Beyond being the initial evidence of the Holy Spirit baptism, speaking in tongues has much more significance, one of which is prayer. All tongues are not prayer we must take note of that but, here, we shall be discussing praying with tongues.

The above passage has been misunderstood by many of us to mean that we should be quiet while the Holy Spirit prays on our behalf but, it's not so:

HOLY SPIRIT MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR US...how?

Praying always with all prayer and supplication IN THE SPIRIT, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints

- Ephesians.6:18.

And how do you pray in the Spirit?

For if I pray in an UNKNOWN TONGUE, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful -1 Corinthians 14:14

In essence, there are two ways to pray: praying with your natural language and praying in tongues. It is like a bicycle with two wheels. Praying in tongues is the front wheel while praying with understanding is the rear wheel. To enjoy good speed, your front wheel must be in good condition so is praying in tongues. Praying with tongues makes the Holy Spirit hold forth with your spirit in praying about the unknown.

Rehinard Bonnke was lying lifeless in Lesotho, dying from flu as a young missionary. A woman in Germany felt the need to pray but didn't know what to pray about. She started praying and for many hours she was still praying. Latter, the burden dropped, and she just knew that she had been praying for Bonnke though she didn't know what was wrong with him. She wrote the young missionary informing him about the event. Bonnke confirmed that it was the hour she started prayer that he felt as though he was dying and when the burden dropped was when he was miraculously healed!

Praying in tongues will also develop your ability to prophesy and to know secret things. You can also pray unknown things about yourself. To the glory of God, I always enjoy those experiences of praying with tongues. It has always been a pleasant experience.

As you practice it, you can pray out your burden, tarry long in His presence till He visits you with a sign of relief. When you are burdened and go before Him in prayer, after a while, you will feel a great sign of relief. Please note that when you start practising praying in tongues, it may not be smooth but, with time, you will become better at it. And don't wait until you have a special impulse before you begin to pray in tongues

at any point in time. Why not start to pray in the Holy Ghost right now? If you are yet to be baptized in the Holy Ghost and truly desire it, turn to the last pages of this book, you will find a guide there.

#12

Prayer of Intercession & Supplication

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none - Ezekiel 22:30

Intercession and Supplication are used interchangeably to mean the same thing but there is a difference when the two are used in a statement. While writing a series on prayer, I studied the ways people especially major ministers pray. Then and there, I realized where the whole concept of prayer went wrong. When these men of God pray for us, we have results but our personal prayer life is crawling with lack of result. The reason is that they often pray under the anointing but when that degree of anointing is unavailable, answers are not gotten.

With proper Biblical understanding on prayer, you will always get results to all your prayers with or without a great unction of the anointing. Have you noticed that in some healings and miracles services, many become healed but some remain the same? It is all about a complete biblical understanding on the subject of prayer.

INTERCESSION is done between two people who have conflicts. The prayer of intercession is the kind of prayer we make on behalf of a sinner, a country or a generation. This is best done when you allow the Holy Spirit to help you by praying in tongues because you may not know what to pray about by your own understanding.

SUPPLICATION is intercession when it has to do with believers. Like the case of Rehinard Bonnke and that German woman. She supplicated for him.

I exhort therefore, that first of all, SUPPLICATIONS, prayers, INTERCESSIONS, and giving of thanks be made for all men

- 1Timothy 2:1.

From the passage above, if supplications and intercessions mean the same, then Apostle Paul wouldn't have put the two in that statement. Just one of them would have made the list.

In essence, intercession is praying to win a sinner or save a nation from destruction while, supplication is to watch and uphold a fellow believer. All Christians are meant to practice this kind of prayer especially when they fast. When I hear people fast for their personal needs I usually wish they know better. Supplication and Intercession are the giving kind of prayer. And the Bible says that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35b). These forms of prayer are to help others and they should take most of our time. Intercede for an unbeliever and supplicate for saints now.

#13

The Spirit of Supplication

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn - Zechariah 12:10

When God spoke to me in 2015, He said “continue in prayer of commitment and supplication”. He went further to say “you are praying for those you have never seen or heard about and those whom you have never seen or heard about you are also praying for you”. God is raising for Himself a strong and mighty army who can stand in gap for all the saints in the world. Let me recruit you into this army.

All you need is to open your heart to God and tell the Holy Spirit to use you in the intercession for ALL SAINTS. Then, you will have the urge to pray from time to time in the Holy Ghost. Always respond to it. And at other times you may decide to begin praying on your own and the Holy Spirit will aid you.

I had an experience June 2016; I was in a lecture when the urge to pray came heavily on me. My lips were moving for over two hours. Immediately the speaker released us for break, I burst out in tongues in a closet for the next 35 minutes then I sensed a sign of relief, I went to my phone and there was a missed call. On reaching the person, she was in the labour room requesting for prayer. I simply told her: I have prayed for you. I realized all the tongues were prayers for her.

The prophecy of Zachariah is for us: *...and I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications.* I release the impartation on you in Jesus Name.

#14 Prayer of Agreement

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven - Mathew 18:19

I got hold of this form of prayer when I was planning to publish my first book *The Communion of the Holy Spirit*. Those who were close to me then knew there that I didn't have money to print the book yet, we set a date for the launching by faith. I asked my fiancée (who is now my wife) to agree with me in prayer. We also had a united prayer with other people but there were private matters we had to sort privately and prayer of agreement was the key.

A PRAYER OF AGREEMENT involves two people coming together to agree on a particular issue. It could be anybody you are ready to discuss with and you can agree with on anything for the Bible says: "...as touching anything". Both of you have to be plain on the matter and explain the issue in details. Then you will both agree on the result you want over the issue and say it in prayer. As effective as the prayer of agreement is there are few things you must take note of.

Both of you must share the same mind and thought. If there is no agreement of thoughts, it can't be a prayer of agreement. Furthermore, you have to beware of doubt because doubt in the heart of either of you over what you have agreed upon would render it ineffective. Whenever doubt sets in, you have to rebuke it and put your mind on the agreement. Doubt and worry will break the agreement.

The Bible says one will chase a thousand and two will chase ten thousands. This proves to us that two people coming together mean a lot. I have had to agree with several people especially my disciples on serious issues and we have always gotten answers no matter how serious the situation is. Let me add that agreement between couples is highly effective. When other things don't work, prayer of agreement will always work. You should apply the prayer of agreement now.

#15

Prayer of Importunity

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his IMPORTUNITY he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. Luke 11:5-8

A literary interpretation of the passage above will make you assume that Jesus was you have to keep on asking and asking and asking until an answer comes. If that is the case, then you are also saying God is a sleeping friend on the bed. Is it? The Bible says God doesn't sleep nor slumber. The description is an analogy to spiritual prayer of importunity with a persistent faith.

You pray to God about protection while you are on a journey and all the way you keep praying for safety till you get to your destination. Is that a prayer of faith or fear? It will be an act of unbelief to keep repeating a prayer point.

For instance

Mr. A: Lord, protect me on this journey (with frequent repetition all through the journey).

Mr. B: I am protected and secured all through this journey in Jesus Name (and instead of repeating the prayer he kept saying: thank you Lord for I have arrived safely).

With no doubt, Mr. B prayed with faith. That is prayer of importunity. Even when the answer is yet to come, you have a confession of faith in your mouth bringing God to remembrance of His promises.

#16 Praying For the Sick

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up
- James 5:14

If there is anyone who is sick, there is a prayer to pray. One of the signs to follow a believer is the ability to heal the sick. So, believers don't pray for healing, they are healers! You can use the anointing oil on a sick person and pray for his healing, you can also lay your hands on the person (as may be led) then, you say a prayer for the individual.

I have seen people pray: “*Lord, heal your son*” but that is wrong; Jesus has given you the authority to heal, you are the healer! So, you are to decree or proclaim healing on the person in the Name of Jesus. You can never read about the Apostles calling on God to come and heal, they commanded the healing!

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: Acts 28:8-9

Anybody you will pray for must believe the word of God that he would be healed by your prayer.

Prayer Demonstration: Father, I thank you for the authority in your Word. The scriptures say by His stripes we were healed. Your word says;

and these signs shall follow them that believe- in Your Name they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. I declare my brother healed in the Name of Jesus. Every grip and powers of malaria (state the illness) upon him, I cast it off in the name of Jesus. You are healed in Jesus name. Amen.

Do it and share your testimony.

Let me also pray for you. Is there any sick part of your body? Lay your hands on it. I decree your healing this very moment in Jesus Name. Be healed. Amen.

#17 Praying for Finances

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills - Psalm 50:10

That is the God we serve. Our God is the creator of every good thing. The Scripture says: *seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and every other thing will be added.* Thank God the Scripture says, other things will be added and not removed as some people imply.

Many Christians are crawling and struggling in the area of their finances. They aren't getting any good thing from their businesses and pursuits. There is a way to pray about it. Since I learnt the principles of this prayer, I have always had my needs met and run projects with ease in my personal life and in the ministry.

The first question you must answer is: “where will the money I need come from: heaven or earth; from men or angels?” Obviously, the answer is: from men living on earth. The next thing you must be aware of is that the devil is the god of this world according to 2 Corinthians 4:4. He even promised Jesus the riches of the world (Luke 4:6). How can he promise what is not his. The devil didn't dominate the world from the beginning until Adam delivered it unto him: *And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is DELIVERED unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it* (Luke 4:6).

The devil even boasted that he could give it to whomever he wills. Little wonder worldly hotels, bars and club houses have a lot of money

invested in them while ministries are struggling. Thank God for the balanced success preachers of this generation. They have done more good to me and no harm. I don't know about you. The reason Jesus came to the world is to take back this authority from the devil and deliver our rights back to us which He has done. So, we who are saved are free from being under this bondage of lack.

Knowing that your financial needs must be met on this earth by mortal men tells you how to use your authority in Christ Jesus. So, **Christians don't pray for money, they claim money.** They command their needs to be met. You are to ban every power holding back your resources and command the angels to go get it for you and liberate your source (probably a particular person) to get the money to you. It is good to be specific about the demand and be realistic in required cases.

Prayer Demonstration: for instance, Bro. Ade needs five hundred thousand naira (₦500,000) for his project. He should pray like this: my Father, I thank you because you have all my needs met even before I pray about them. Thank you for the assurance of your word that the Lord shall supply all my needs according to his riches in Glory. I declare that my money, ₦500,000 (be specific) be released from the custody of darkness in Jesus name. I liberate all the people (mention names if you can) who is to give me the money in Jesus name. I command angels to get the money for me in Jesus Name. Amen.

In some cases, you have to think and enlist people you can approach and you must be able to convince them to support your project with a relevant business plan. In some cases, you may have to sell a property of

yours to start the project. After, you have prayed, expect ideas from God
and the Lord will direct your steps.

#18 Commanding Angels

Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? - Hebrews 1:14

By my observation, most Christians know that they are higher in rank than angels but they don't fully understand the roles the angels are meant to play for them. Angels are ministering spirits. They are not ministers OF heirs of salvation, but ministers FOR us. I can liken them to WAITERS in an eatery.

Jesus taught us that every little child has an angel standing before His Father on his or her behalf (Matthew 18:10). You were once a child-- isn't it? Does it mean you lost your angel when you grew up? Of course not! So, you must put your angels to work.

I was sick at a time (long time ago); my friends were with me but couldn't help but I was seeing angels all around me. I had to go meet a nurse for treatment and I saw one particular giant angel going out with me. When I was leaving the nurse's house, I saw his wings turn again to follow me. Some people call this guardian angel but beyond guarding, they are also ministers or messengers. I was glad to see Abraham using angels for his good- Genesis 24:7, 40.

How to command your angels?

Bring yourself to remembrance of some traditional films you must have seen. You must have watched movies showing a particular man who placed a curse using a horn or something on another fellow right from

the corners of his house and the next thing you saw was a sort of black image or demon moved like a flash of light and entered the person whose name was called and right there whatever curse proclaimed manifested in him. I tell you, there is no exaggeration about such movies; it is real in the spiritual world.

You also need to act that way but in the Biblical way. For instance, you need help from someone to sign a contract for you but this man is known to be hard or wicked, you can use angels on him.

Prayer Demonstration: Father, I thank you for the knowledge of your word for it has given me the revelation to work in your marvellous light. Thanks for Your word that says *the King's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.* (Proverbs 21:1).

Thank you Daddy because all authority given to Jesus was handed over to me to take charge on this earth. Thanks for the Name of Jesus and the dominion over princes and principalities. In Jesus name I praise. The scriptures say; angels are ministering spirits unto me, an heir of salvation. That is, they are servants and messengers charged to carry out my orders in Jesus Name. I command every demon clouding and hindering Mr. Bolu Gbadegesin of Nilcon company (for instance) from signing my contract of book supply to take off its hand in the Name of Jesus. I decree they should loosen their grip on him. I now declare and decree that angels begin to work on his heart in the Name of Jesus. Let the angels move his heart to agree with approving my contract in Jesus

name, I shall be the one to supply those goods at the price of 500 naira per copy for 1000copies (be specific) in Jesus Name, Amen.

This is not a child's play; we have testimonies of miracles, healings, provisions and influence of decisions along this line. Yours is the next. Your angels can do anything once you have the word as a backup.

END NOTE

Glory to God! I believe that you have gained more insight into how prayer works and how to pray effectively. You now understand the importance of praying in tongues, how to pray for your finances, how to command angels and many more. I implore you to put all you have read to use. Restructure your prayer life and start practicing how to pray as you have learnt in this book.

I urge you to get my other books on prayer especially *Prayer that Works*. You will be glad you do.

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Receiving Salvation

You were born a sinner condemned to hell but Jesus Christ died for your sins, gave you power to sin no more and to enjoy life here on earth and hereafter. All you need to do is to believe and accept His works by declaring Him as your LORD and Saviour. Do you believe this? Say: Lord Jesus Christ, I accept that you died and resurrected for the remission of my sins, I declare you as my LORD and Saviour. Amen.

Steps to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

1. You are not to ask or beg God for it, just expect it.
2. Believe He has given you and you will manifest it.
3. Don't hate tongues. That some people misuse it doesn't mean it has lost its power.
4. Don't pretend not to need it. Holy Ghost baptism is not just about tongues, it is about empowerment but tongues is the initial sign that you are baptized.
5. Clear your minds of doubts. God will give you but if you think that any sin can hinder you, ask for forgiveness now and now. (Isa 1:18 *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool*). And forgive everyone in your heart.
6. As I pray for you, you will be baptized and you will speak in new tongues.

7. As I pray for you, the Holy Spirit will give you utterances and you will speak it out. Note that utterance means any sound produced with the mouth. That means the utterance could be one syllable or two. It could be one word or more. Understand that you are the one that will pronounce the utterance in anyway it comes to your mind as the Holy Spirit gives you utterance.
8. When I pray for you, the utterance would come. Don't think you are the one thinking it, it is not you. Don't think you will be unconscious or lost, it is not so. Don't be bothered if you don't know the meaning just speak it. And keep repeating whatever comes to your mind.
9. Daddy thank you because you are a faithful God, you always hear me and you are eager to give us more than we are eager to ask. I pray for you: receive the Holy Spirit right now in Jesus Name.
10. Open your mouth and began to speak those tongues.

Steps to Receive Healing

1. **1Peter 2:24 says:** *He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. **By His wounds you have been healed.***
2. You have been healed. You have been healed even before you had that illness, what I'm about to do by praying with you is to proclaim your healing.
3. As I do that, the pains and symptoms will be no more.
4. After I pray for you move that part of your body just as though it was healed already because it is an instant healing.

5. I proclaim you healed and whole right now in Jesus Name. The last time you had that illness is the last you will ever have in Jesus Name.
6. Check it out and share your testimonies.

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