

1 **The Power, Partnership and Priority of Prayer**

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Prayer is a privilege that we have as those who have been redeemed and a tool necessary for life in Christ.

Unbelievers do not have that privilege. The first prayer that the Lord will hear from them is, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." Hebrews 10:19-22; John 14:6

3 **Power**

Prayer isn't powerful. The Lord is powerful...and we're able and instructed to call upon Him!

- A weapon listed in the armor
 - Radio to command
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- James 5:13-18 "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working"

4 **Priority**

- Priority of prayer in our life
 - Don't have because you don't ask (James 4:2b)
 - Early church devoted to (Acts 2:42)
 - Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17)
- Priority in our prayers
 - Selfishness (James 4:3)
 - God's glory and Kingdom
 - Paul (v20) – boldness to proclaim the gospel
 - Peter & John (Acts 4:29) – boldness to declare His word in the face of threat
 - Jesus (Luke 22:32) – that his faith would not fail in the spiritual warfare
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5 **Partnership**

- With the Lord
 - Gen 1:26-28 Man was given dominion, but that was never to be or able to be done independent of the Lord

"In a strange, mysterious way — which I will not fully understand until my Father explains it in person — God has chosen to enlist His children to accomplish His purpose for reaching the world and establishing His kingdom on earth!" -Kay Arthru

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- With our brothers and sisters
 - Pray for the saints, and for me (Eph 6:18-19)