

When Seasons Change and the Power of Prayer





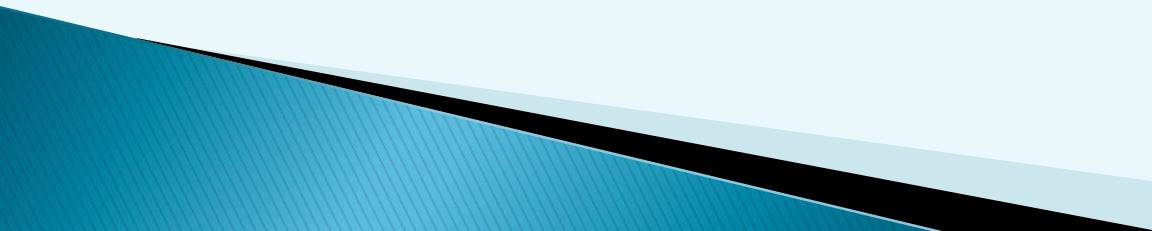
Webster's Definition of Prayer

- ▶ Prayer – an address to God or a god in word or thought.
- ▶ Pray – to speak to God especially to give thanks or ask for something.
- ▶ **Colossians 4:2**– Devote yourselves in prayer, being watchful and thankful.
- ▶ **Psalm 69:30** – I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving.

Matthew 6:9–10


(The Lord's Prayer)

“Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.



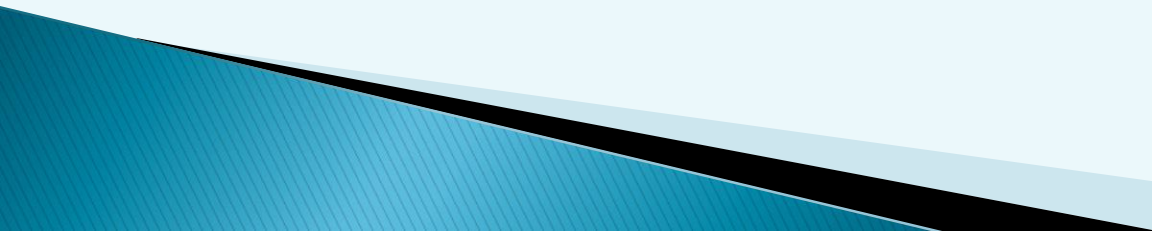
Matthew 18:18

Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.



Ephesians 2:1–2

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.



Romans 7:15–25

(Battle of the Mind and Will)

For I do not understand what I am doing; for I am not practicing what I want *to do*, but I do the very thing I hate. However, if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, that *the Law is* good.



Romans 7:15–25

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But now, no longer am I *the one* doing it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not.



Romans 7:15–25

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For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I do the very thing I do not want, I am no longer *the one* doing it, but sin that dwells in me.



Romans 7:15-25

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I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully agree with the law of God in the inner person, but I see a different law in the parts of my body waging war against the law of my mind,



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and making me a prisoner of the law of sin, *the law* which is in my body's parts. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!



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So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.



Thoughts on Prayer

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

Max Lucado



Thoughts on Prayer

The reality is, my prayers don't change God. But, I am convinced prayer changes me. Praying boldly boots me out of that stale place of religious habit into authentic connection with God Himself.

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John 15:7-10

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.



John 15:7-10



As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

The Greek for “Abide” is *Meno*

Mark 14:34

Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, to death. Meno [meinate] and watch.”

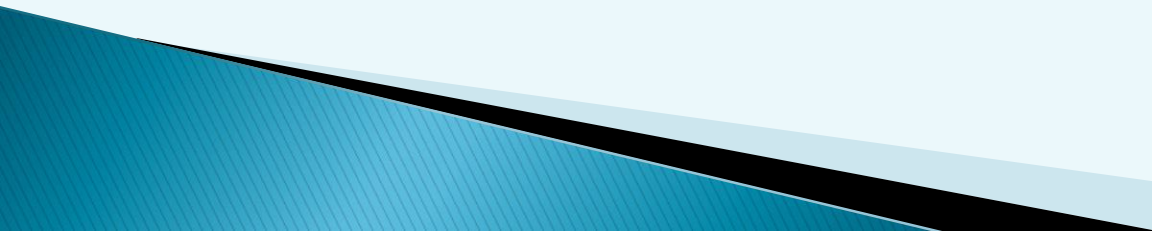
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1 John 2:24

Therefore let that meno [meneto] in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning meno [meine] in you, you also will meno [meinete] in the Son and in the Father.

Abide [Meno]

It means physically to just stay where you are. It means also to continue to live, exist, persist, not die, and to keep on.



Abide [Meno]

It can also mean to not change, to stay strong in one's resolve, remain in common purpose with others. It means to stay present, not just physically but mentally and spiritually. It means to survive unchanged.

Abide [Meno]

People change your character,
thoughts, attitude, what you dwell on

Exodus 16:2-3

But the whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The sons of Israel said to them,



Exodus 16:2-3

“If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread until *we were* full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this entire assembly with hunger!”



What God Originates, God Orchestrates (Philippians 1:6)

1. **Abide** – Seek the Lord consistently through times of prayer, Bible study, seeking counsel with strong believers.
2. **Break agreement** with ideas and habits that are against the will of God and **replace** them.

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3. Step into the season of your life and take steps to what you believe is your calling.



Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

