



Pray in the Holy Spirit

We desire to pray in a way that will honor God and bring forth His purposes and plans in His perfect timing but sometimes we do not know how to pray. When this happens, we can allow the Holy Spirit, Who has the mind of God and knows the perfect will of God, to pray through us. This is called praying in the Holy Spirit or praying in tongues.

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Rom 8:26-27)

To pray in the Holy Spirit, we must humble ourselves, admitting to God we do not know how to pray. We do not understand our own heart or the hearts of others. We do not know the reasons for our circumstances. We do not know or comprehend the fullness of the warfare going on and the angelic assistance God desires to send on our behalf. In these instances, we must ask God to help us pray.

We can ask God for the gift of a heavenly language.

“When someone speaks in tongues, no one understands a word he says, because he’s not speaking to people, but to God—he is speaking intimate mysteries in the Spirit.” (1 Cor 14:2)

One of The Spiritual Gifts

Each believer is given continuous revelation⁸ by the Holy Spirit to benefit not just himself but all.⁸ The Spirit gives to one the gift of the word of wisdom. To another, the same Spirit gives the gift of the word of revelation knowledge.⁹ And to another, the same Spirit gives the gift of faith. And to another, the same Spirit gives gifts of healing.¹⁰ And to another the power to work miracles. And to another the gift of prophecy. And to another the gift to discern what the Spirit is speaking And to another the gift of speaking different kinds of tongues. And to another the gift of interpretation of tongues.¹¹ Remember, it is the same Holy Spirit who distributes, activates, and operates these different gifts as he chooses for each believer (1Cor 12:7-11 Passion)

We receive the gift by faith.

“So it is with your prayers. Ask and you’ll receive. Seek and you’ll discover. Knock on heaven’s door, and it will one day open for you. Every persistent person will receive what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he needs. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door. “Let me ask you this: Do you know of any father who would give his son a snake on a plate when he asked for a serving of fish? Of course not! Do you know of any father who would give his daughter a spider when she had asked for an egg? Of course not! If imperfect parents know how to lovingly take care of their children and give them what they need, how much more will the perfect heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit’s fullness when his children ask him.”
(Luke 11:9-13 Passion)

“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)

We must pray in the Spirit to strengthen our own spirit and to effectively fight against the works of darkness.

“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...” (1Cor 14:4)

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.” (Jude 20)

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” (Eph 6:14-20)

And he said to them, “As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race! Whoever believes the good news and is baptized will be saved, and whoever does not believe the good news will be condemned. And these miracle signs will accompany those who believe: They will drive out demons in the power of my name. They will speak in tongues. They will be supernaturally protected from snakes and from drinking anything poisonous. And they will lay hands on the sick and heal them.” (Mark 16:15-18 Passion)