

Quotes on Prayer

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray.
It is not the only thing; but it is the chief thing.
The great people of the earth today are the people who pray.
I do not mean those who talk about prayer;
nor those who say they believe in prayer;
nor yet those who can explain about prayer;
but I mean those people who take time to pray.

-- S. D. Gordon

Beyond a doubt, one of the greatest secrets of the unsatisfactoriness and superficiality and unreality and temporary character of many of our modern, so-called revivals is that so much dependence is put upon man's machinery and so little upon God's power, sought and obtained by the earnest, persistent, believing prayer that will not take 'no' for an answer...

We live in a day characterized by the multiplication of man's machinery and the diminution of God's power.

The great cry of our day is work, work, work, organize, organize, organize, give us some new society, tell us some new methods, devise some new machinery; but the great need of our day is prayer, more prayers and better prayer.

-- R. A. Torrey

In prayer you align yourself to the purpose and power of God and he is able to do things through you that He could not do otherwise... for this is an open universe, where some things are left open, contingent upon our doing them.

-- E. Stanley Jones

Prayer is the language of a man burdened with a sense of need. It is the voice of the beggar, conscious of his poverty, asking of another the things he needs. Not to pray is not only to declare there is nothing needed, but to admit to a non-realization of that need.

The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day."

-- E. M. Bounds

The power of prayer is no more or no less than the mighty power of God released through the life of a man who stops being an obstacle to God. The power is God's alone.

-- Anonymous

Definitions of prayer:

- The means to knowing and relating to God intimately.
- The means of understanding God's plan.
- The means of laying hold of God's promises.
- The means of appropriating God's power, strength and peace.
- The means of giving God access to our need.

We can read all the books that have ever been written about prayer, but until we actually choose by an act of our will, to pray, we will never learn.

-- Hope MacDonald

Christ's disciples never asked their Master how to preach, but rather how to pray.

Praying is the best school in which to learn to pray, prayer is the best dictionary to define the art and nature of praying.

-- E. M. Bounds

You can do more than pray after you have prayed; but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed.

-- A.J. Gordon

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.

-- John Wesley

The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history.

-- Andrew Murray

Prayer is the acid test of devotion.

-- Samuel Chadwick

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."

-- Oswald Chambers