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Yes, time is short, and as the End draws near, Satan knows that he has but a little time. He will do battle and use all the forces of this world over which he has power--disease, plagues, pestilence, turbulence in the air and the governments of man. Yet greater is My power within you, for you have all the power of Heaven at your command--the power of prayer, of claiming My promises of protection, of provision, of supply, of great and mighty exploits in My Name. ⁽¹⁾

As the world grows darker, it is more important than ever for My children to be beacons of light, and the only way that you're going to be able to do this is if you shine with the light of My Spirit and truth and Word and love.

This is not something that can be generated from within yourselves. It has to come from My Spirit and be channeled through your spirits. Your spirits have to be fresh and clean, open, free from sin--not in the sense of being perfect, but in the sense of having regular cleansing in the spirit. You need a strong and healthy connection with Me in order to be the beacons of light that I have called you to be today, and even more so in the future.

You also need to be the warriors of the spirit that will be needed, and thus you need to be very adept in your use of the spiritual weapons. You need to tap into My power through praise, through proactive prayer, through intercessory prayer. So much is going to be required of you as you step into the future that I have ordained for you. ⁽²⁾

Your prayers have the power to rock the world, alter lives for the better, and bring down miracles. I long for you to claim more through your prayers, and to enhance your prayer power through claiming the keys. There is so much that can be achieved through your prayers. You have the training and foundation to be mighty prayer warriors! So rise to the occasion and summon the power of Heaven for positive results both in your lives and in the lives of others.

Heaven is brimming with power--you simply need to channel it. Put Me on the spot, claim the heavenly assistance that is yours to partake of, and you'll be thrilled with the results. Everything is in place for you to receive great and mighty things from My hands; simply speak the words, do your part to follow how I'm leading you personally, and trust that I will fulfill My end of the bargain.

The power that I give you through the spiritual weapons is a significant sign of

My love for you. When you avail yourself of their power, our love is strengthened, and the energy and vitality of spirit that comes through these spiritual tools fills your life in unprecedented ways. ⁽³⁾

Prayer is the beginning step of this era of action. It's a wake-up call to start getting your antennas directed up once again. It's time to make Me your only wavelength. Stop running around trying to be the action hero--let Me do that. Let Me answer your prayers. And the first prayer you can start with is asking Me to make prayer a focal point of your life.

There's no better time than the present, so start now! Tomorrow may be too late, and you wouldn't want to find your skill with this weapon lacking because you didn't practice enough and you didn't get involved in the action when it began. ⁽⁴⁾

Why are prayers so effective?--Because they tap into My reservoir of power. Rather than doing the job on your own and only using your own resources, wisdom, anointing and power, you have access to My infinite power and wisdom and resources. I can change situations and people's minds in a minute that would take you days to change on your own. So the more time you spend in prayer asking My hand to move in the ways that it needs to move in order to accomplish My will, the more effective you will be. It will be time well spent.

In many situations that you find yourself in, it takes a miracle for My will to be accomplished, or a series of miracles. Even if these miracles are not so outstanding on their own, yet the little steps, the little events, can add up to something big, and often whether the job gets done or not, or whether My plan for you comes through or not, depends on those little things. So in praying for each of those little things and specifically asking Me to work on them, you're saving yourself a tremendous amount of time. Things can then fall into place and happen much more smoothly.

Of course, everything doesn't always go smoothly even when you do pray, because I'm also limited by the choices of others, whether they yield to My Spirit or not. And the Enemy also throws his roadblocks in sometimes, which I allow within the overall plan and purpose for mankind. But things will go much smoother than they would have if you hadn't prayed. So don't think that I didn't answer your prayers or they weren't effective, but just think of how bad it could have been if you hadn't been praying! ⁽⁵⁾

Prayer requires faith. You have to believe that prayer actually works, and that it's more than just a mundane ritual of spiritual goodness. You have to believe wholeheartedly that as you pray, I go to action on your behalf, even though it may take time before you see the full results. Your faith doesn't waver just because an

answer is a long time in coming. And because your faith doesn't doubt, but keeps trusting, then when I do bring the answer, your faith is increased and strengthened. But without a strong purpose and belief in prayer, your faith misses out on the stretching and growth that comes through putting Me on the spot in utter confidence and expecting that I will do the miracle in the way I know is best. ⁽⁶⁾

There are many things in the spirit that seem to be mysteries to you, when in reality they're very simple. It doesn't seem to make a lot of physical sense to say that if you spend twice as long on your knees, in prayer, doing absolutely nothing but presenting your spirit before Me in humility and subjection, that you will actually accomplish more than if you spent that same time rushing about feverishly attending to the many things that you have to do.

It all depends on what sort of accomplishments you're looking for. Yes, you might not get out the door quite that fast. You may have to cut back on some of that business you were hoping to attend to. But look at it from a broader perspective-- what work are you trying to accomplish? Is it just to survive another day? Is it just to get some food on the table and your rent covered? Or are you trying to change the world, one heart at a time, one day at a time, to stand up against the forces of evil that would doom the souls of the world to damnation and spiritual slavery? That's the work that you cannot accomplish without My help and strength.

Let Me tell you something about that little exchange between Luther and Melanchthon you hear told so often: Melanchthon knew they had a lot of things to do that day. Luther knew this as well. Luther also knew Melanchthon was making a perfectly logical suggestion to cut their prayer time in half so they'd have more time to get to all the little things that had to be done that day. But Luther was not looking at everything that had to be done that day. He was looking further. He was looking beyond the immediate physical matters, at the mission and purpose for which I had placed him on Earth. He knew that when times got so busy, it was easy to forget where his focus really should be. So he knew that he had to spend more time in prayer, not less--not so that he could do everything that had to get done that day, but so that he could make sure that what he was doing was what I wanted him to be doing.

He knew that one thing done right, in My time, in My way, by My will, was a greater accomplishment than tending to one hundred pressing tasks that surrounded him. He knew he could not let the immediate distract his focus from those things that were eternal. And look where it got him! Look what a mighty warrior and follower of My Spirit he became, changing the face of the world and history for centuries to follow!

I have called you, My children, to a task no less daunting than Luther's, so it behooves you to spend more time in prayer, on your knees, seeking My will,

imploing Me to work on your behalf--to keep your mind on the bigger picture, the greater works that I would accomplish through you, through your Homes, through your ministries, through those you come in contact with on a regular basis--not just the tasks of your everyday survival, but the works of the spirit in the hearts and minds of men. These are the works that mean the most to Me. These are the accomplishments for which you must strive. This is what you will do better in--accomplishing My will with greater accuracy and faster results--through taking the time to go slow, and making sure you're doing exactly what I want you to be doing. ⁽⁷⁾

Throughout all the ages of man the struggle has been between leaning upon the arm of the flesh and the strength of man, and leaning upon the power of God. All of My children from the beginning until now have struggled with leaning upon their own strength in their service unto Me, and leaning upon Me to perform their service. For they struggle, feeling that they must do this and they must do that, and they have not fully understood that I wish for their service to be done through My power and My strength and My might.

Always in My service there is so much to do, for the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few, and My Spirit compels them to do all that must be done. But they feel they must do it in their power and in their might, and they have not sought Me and My power, nor trusted Me and My power. They have not fully understood all My power can do through the power of prayer, through the power of My Word, through the power of My direction.

And those few who have understood and who leaned upon My power in prayer and who sought Me in all things have accomplished more than any men, for they operated in the power of My Spirit. For the power and might of God is so strong, yet My children do not tap into it nearly as much as they could. And this has been the battle throughout the ages. ⁽⁸⁾

When Moses raised his arms in prayer to Me at the banks of the Red Sea, I stretched out My hand and parted the waters, and I held them at bay until the last of My children were safely on the other side. When the shepherd boy David loaded his sling, looked up to Me and whispered a prayer, I guided his stone and brought down the giant Goliath. When Elijah besought me for the rain I had promised, I sent the showers in great abundance. Likewise, at Zarephath, when he cried unto Me, asking for the soul of the widow's son, I returned life to the boy's motionless body.

When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego cried out to Me as they entered the scorching furnace, I descended and walked with them in the midst of the fire, and the flame did not harm them. When the prophet Isaiah petitioned Me on behalf of Hezekiah, asking for a sign of his healing, I turned back the time. When Jonah cried out to Me in his affliction, I answered and placed him upon dry ground.

How much more will I do for you , My loves, in these days of mighty miracles? Let this encourage your faith, for in these days of action, here I stand, ready, willing and waiting to perform yet greater things on your behalf. Let this encourage your faith, for I tell you, I am here and I am ready.

Do you see? Can you grasp it? Will you claim it? Oh, what great power I put within reach of your frail human hands. There's nothing like it. It has no equal. It cannot be duplicated. No one can steal it away from you. It will never be lost. It is never misplaced. Such great and awesome magnificent power! It can only be released at the sound of your prayers. It is only delivered unto you at the touch of your faith. So it is, My loves, that your desperate, full-of-faith prayers can radically alter any situation or heart and supply any need.

Fear not to put Me to the test. Call unto Me. Declare your faith and remind Me of My promises. How it pleases Me when you display your knowledge of My Word. Claim it! Call down the power! Intensify! Pray passionately! Pour out your strong emotion to Me in your prayers. Get excited! Expect Me to work, and stand back and see Me do what you cannot do for yourself. Pray extreme prayers and you'll get extreme answers!

As you unite this day, wield your power, My loves, for I am here, ready and willing and waiting to answer every prayer. Let this be your confidence; ask anything in My name and I will do it. ⁽⁹⁾

How inestimable in value, how awesome in power is the gift of prayer! Each of My children has this treasured gift in different measures deep within, in the inner sanctuary of their spirit.

I placed this gift, this desire, this link of communion with Me in the heart and spirit of each of My loves when first I dwelt within your heart and spirit. This gift, like all gifts, can be honed, exercised, developed, and even sharpened to such a degree that mighty oak doors of impossibility can be opened at your behest, mountains shifted at your request, and visions revealed before your mortal eyes as with My prophet Daniel.

This gift is given in a unique way to each individual, and because it is a spiritual thing, each gift's measure and ministration is known only to Me. It is not something that is tangible, that can be seen or measured there on Earth. It is the same principle as love, for how can you measure love? And as your gift of prayer grows, so does its measure and ministration. The continued development and growth of this gift in each of My brides is vital. As the days grow darker, the development and enhancement of this gift will become more and more essential. Each of My brides will be forced to strengthen their gift of prayer and this channel of communication with Me, and through it will I perform miracles of great magnitude

on their behalf.

For some this gift is already quite developed from much use, but for others this gift still lies dormant within their spirits, for their spirits lack the exercise in putting forth the effort in prayer. For others this gift is awakened, but in a sleepy state. But now I stir all My loves to hone this gift within and utilize this power and force of great proportions. For this gift stirs and moves the world of the spirit on your behalf. It moves My hand, and it strengthens your link with Me and the many helpers about you.

Your bodies are like temples where My Spirit can dwell, and within your temple there exist various chambers. There is the chamber and sanctuary of praise, which then leads into the secret chamber of prayer. There is the treasured inner chamber reserved for My intimate brides, wherein lies our bed of love. Time spent in each chamber is a vital part of your spiritual growth and connection with Me. Each chamber is linked to the others, and your spirit is able to easily and quickly slip from one chamber to the next.

To develop and hone your gift of prayer, each of My brides must desire Me, must seek Me, must come unto Me, lie with Me and love Me, and so will I whisper into the ears of your spirit the key, the ways in which your spirit can grow in the ministry of prayer, can more easily focus in prayer, and can use the gift within you to its greatest potential.

To get the very most out of your prayer time, I call upon all My brides to lay the foundation of growth in this very important area of prayer by first seeking Me and asking Me for the personalized key, or set of keys, that belongs to your own inner sanctuary of prayer--the key that frees and unlocks your spirit and flesh to the ministry of prayer as never before, the key which creates within you a deep desire for prayer, a knowledge and understanding of the essential need and importance of this gift, a craving which cannot be satiated, a cry and a seeking of Me which comes from deep within, from the altar of prayer, a panting and a crying of your spirit for its great Creator.

I call you, My dear ones, to more fervency in prayer, more desperation, more awareness of the necessity to pray without ceasing--to keep that line and link of communion and communication open to Me at all times.

Come lie with Me and let Me give you the key to your own gift of prayer. I hold the key to each one's spirit and gift. It is here in My hand for the asking, and with great pleasure and delight I place it in the hand of each of My loves as they come unto Me. ⁽¹⁰⁾

The forces of Heaven are ready and waiting at your command, My loved ones! All of you children of David have been given the privilege of special forces to help

you fight and overcome the attacks of the Evil One. For he knows that his time is short, and he knows the great threat that you are, so he's pulled out his big guns against you. But the powers of Heaven dwarf his in comparison, and they wait to do battle.

The specially trained fighters of the spirit world in My Kingdom love the fight! They love to defeat the Enemy, and they do so quickly and valiantly! The moment one of My children calls for help, they're dispatched to conquer. My fighters have never lost a battle; they hold a perfect record, and their power is limitless. The only thing which limits them is you.

When you cry unto Me with a whole heart in yieldedness and humility, My forces are loosed to fight with all the power of Heaven and Earth. ⁽¹¹⁾

When you call on Me and My Name, Heaven goes into action. You are bound by Earth and its limitations, but through prayer it's as if your voice jumps to a different frequency so that it rings out in the halls of Heaven and the spirit world. By calling on My Name, Heaven and its power must respond to the oath My Father made to Me, that in My dying on the cross His power would be available to all who would humbly come before Heaven and ask. He had made this power available before, but man and God were separated somewhat by the law and the need for good works. In taking mankind's load on My shoulders, I alleviated them of the burden of sin, and instead provided an instant channel to Heaven by which they might petition Me for their every need. ⁽¹²⁾

When you're confident and you think you know what you're doing, be careful, because that's when your desperation in prayer goes right out the window. It's a very common error on the part of My children. You think you know what to do, or that your plans are sufficient or more realistic than Mine, so prayer takes a back seat. And it's only when you fail that you realize that you left prayer behind, and Me with it.

It's not enough to ask Me to bless a new project--you need to do much more than that. You need to lay aside your pride by realizing and admitting to Me and to yourself that I am the only One Who can keep things floating and keep you above water. Things have changed in this new era, this era of action.

I've been lenient and allowed you to succeed in certain areas on your own in times past, but now things have gotten tighter. The battle's raging, the Enemy is mad, and your ranks have to become tighter. There's no more time for goofing around--you need to start praying more and coming to Me for instructions. Is that understood?

What hinders you is pride and self-confidence. I know it's a hard saying, but

you're going to have to forsake your pride if you want to make it in this outfit. There isn't time for corporals to be running around thinking they run the show, or for sergeants to think they've got things under control on their own. Sorry, things have simply changed. From now on you're going to have to ask Me about everything, and commit everything to Me in prayer.

I'm the General. I know what the battle plans are, so your pride and self-confidence is going to have to be left behind. You're going to have to leave it all behind and start coming to Me for everything--and when I say everything, I mean it. There's no other way around it; otherwise, you might end up a liability to the rest of your division because you think you're sufficient in yourself. Don't let that be you!
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Some of you have let yourself become carnally minded and accustomed to operating more in the physical realm and less in the spiritual realm. You have neglected to use prayer in your life as much as you ought to, because you do not realize its power in the spirit, because the spiritual is not as present in your life as it should be. If you have a lot of contact or interaction with the world and worldly people, it's easy to get into their frame of mind, of doing, pushing, and neglecting the spiritual side of life. I ask that you be spiritually minded. To be an effective prayer warrior, this becomes essential. ⁽¹⁴⁾

You can't afford to be walking in the carnal mind, because so much of My guidance and direction is spiritual and based on spiritual truths. If you're carnally minded, you won't get the up-to-date guidance and counsel I'm giving, because it can't be figured out in the carnal mind.

Just as My Word says, to be carnally minded is death (Rom.8:6)--death to your spiritual life, death to your channel, and death to your connection with Me, because the things of My Spirit cannot be carnally understood and don't make much sense to the carnal mind's logic base.

Take slowing down, for example. When there's so much to do, how could I possibly tell you to slow down, you often wonder. To the carnal mind, the correct thing would be to speed up, to work harder, faster, to put in more hours, to struggle to push the boulder up the hill.

What do I tell you to do? To stop, to get quiet, to meditate, to go slow, to pull back and to come to Me in prayer. You could say, "Lord, that's crazy! I mean, I know You're God and all, but if I stop pushing this boulder even for one second, it's going to roll back down and flatten me and all those who look to me to bear this responsibility."

To the carnal mind, My counsel makes no sense at all. That's why you've got to

look at it spiritually and with heavenly vision. You have to let Me take you into the spirit to see My plan, and then you have to believe by faith that it'll work just because I said it will, even if it makes no sense to you, even if you don't fully understand it. ⁽¹⁵⁾

I want you to put your life into My hands, to rest in Me, to learn to totally trust where you don't understand, and to let Me lift you above every problem that comes your way; to get you so confident in Me that nothing will easily shake you.

No man can save himself, or add Me and My power and virtue to himself by the force of his own will and works. That's the madness of self-righteous man. It's only in failing, in falling, in being weak and in need, and in desperation calling out to Me to do for you what you know you can't do for yourself that the miracle of deliverance from your problems by My great power can be performed.

You've seen that nothing but prayer can prevail in most situations. Your will, your charm, your goodness, your cleverness, your badness, your intimidations and all such tactics of the flesh fall short and leave you helpless. Only sincere, desperate, humble prayer moves My hand and gets things done when nothing else can. These are precious gifts from Me. Humility is a very precious gift, though humans don't always see it that way at first. ⁽¹⁶⁾

To depend on Me is to pray. How can anyone depend on Me when there is a lack of prayer--either acknowledging Me and seeking Me for answers and direction in prophecy, or committing your needs and problems, or those of others, to Me in prayer? A lack of either type of prayer shows that you're too strong in yourself and you don't fully realize that without Me you can do nothing.

I want to take you into a phase of greater intercessory prayer, and I will do that through My Word. I will give you more insight into the value of their prayers, the power of spending those minutes seeking Me. Oh, how silly it is for weak and pitiful man to feel that his feverish labors and work can even come close to a few minutes spent in prayer! Once you realize that, you will be much more willing to take the time needed in prayer, and you will see the results of those prayers.

That, too, is part of the key of the era of action. People equate action with doing something. But they must realize that praying is also action--the most efficient and powerful kind of action. The children of David have somehow separated prayer and spiritual activities from what they consider action. For something to be action, they feel they have to be working in the flesh, doing something visible, exercising their own initiative. That is true, but there is also the action behind the scenes in the spirit, the powerful action that is performed through prayer. This cannot be separated as something less valuable, less important, or less emphasized now that

you're in the era of action. Prayer is where the fastest and most powerful progress can be made, which will catapult you into the full fruit and power of the era of action, and then and only then will you see the miracles and greater works that I have promised.

The more time you spend praying, the greater lack you will feel when you fail to pray, and the easier I am able to prick your conscience to motivate you to pray. It's something that needs to be developed, for it's a combination of an understanding and acceptance of the power of prayer and the making of a habit to actually pray. For you see, even if you understand and accept and believe in the power of prayer, it does nothing until you actually pray. Just the understanding, acceptance, and belief are not enough; that's only the first step. It's not until you take the time to specifically call on Me for help, to formulate and verbalize your prayers, to put them into words either aloud or in your mind, asking Me specifically for your need or for the needs of others, that I and your spirit helpers can go to work on your behalf. ⁽¹⁷⁾

Prayer shows your faith in Me, your faith that I will work and do the impossible, bring the solutions, show you the way, and work in people's lives. When you operate in the realm of faith, you're operating in the spirit world where miracles are born, where the impossible takes place. Just little old you praying and beseeching Me about something is a very powerful tool. You don't have to feel that power or feel like you're doing anything great--it's not any sort of feeling that matters--it's the spirit of prayer that is powerful, supernatural.

You don't really understand how important your prayers are, but the fact that you pray about something or for someone is not only important for your spiritual walk with Me and your connection with Me, but it creates a vacuum for Me to fill. Just like your words are real things, your prayers are real things and they cause an effect. They always cause an effect; every single prayer has power and it affects something. They're real, and when you pray, things happen in the spirit world, and because of that, things happen on Earth.

I work through your prayers, both the unspoken prayers of your heart and your spoken prayers. But when you utter your prayer to Me, putting it into your own words, this is an even greater manifestation of your faith in My power. It gives Me all the glory and acknowledges that I am your Lord and God, the One Who performs miracles, the One Who supplies, protects, leads and guides you. It's a testimony to others, it's a witness to your friends and sheep, and it's the means by which I give you My blessings.

I work immediately when you pray. Even if you don't see what I'm doing in the spirit, I promise you that I am working on your behalf. I respect your prayers

and I've committed Myself to answer every one. You might not always know what I'm doing and how I'm answering, but I promise that I work, and I answer, and am faithful to keep My promise to you.

It's very important to Me that you pray. The minute you pray we connect in the spirit and I begin to do the work that only I can do for you. It's not that I will always give you the answer that you want or think is right, but I promise to work and answer according to My will and what is best. You can count on your prayers having an effect. You can count on My Spirit moving the minute you pray, because this is the way it works in the spirit world. Prayer is a law of the spirit, and when you pray you begin the spiritual process and a chain of events happen. But if you don't pray, those things can't happen.

You must trust that your prayers are very important, that they're your spiritual weapon which moves Me to do things on your behalf. You must put your full faith in the power of prayer, for there is great, great power in your prayers. The more you pray about things, the more I can work for you; that's why it's so important to acknowledge Me and pray about everything, to pray without ceasing. When you pray, you're asking Me to work for you, showing that you need Me and that you're depending on Me. This faith in Me and love for Me pleases Me and I'm faithful to work on your behalf.

The Enemy belittles prayer and tries to cause you to doubt the power and effect of prayer, but I say that it's very powerful and one of your strongest spiritual weapons. Never let down your guard and consider that it doesn't matter if you pray or not, because it matters very much. When you pray, things happen, whether you see them with your eyes or not. So always keep this spiritual weapon ready, always use it and wield it, because it's your greatest protection against the attacks of the Enemy and your greatest key to victory and the blessings of My Spirit. ⁽¹⁸⁾

(Dad speaking:) The Enemy really fights prayer--not only prayer and prophecy and hearing from the Lord directly, but he fights prayer in general, any form of prayer and interceding on the behalf of others, because he knows it has a good effect. It helps the Lord's Kingdom in some way and therefore hinders the Enemy's dirty work in some way. You might think a few words of prayer here and there for others isn't accomplishing much and isn't really making that much of a difference. You might think that you're just going through the motions, that maybe it's not getting anywhere and it's not doing that much to cause changes to happen. But that's the farthest thing from the truth!

One reason people think that their prayers aren't making a lot of difference is because the Enemy fights you and tries to discourage you from praying, and another is because sometimes it takes time for you to see those differences in the natural.

But just because you don't see all the effects of your prayers doesn't mean that they're not going to work in situations and lives and having a big effect.

All of our prayers, even the little prayers you whisper in passing when the Lord brings someone to your mind and you pray for them, have an effect. It not only works together for good in other people's lives, but in your own life too. Prayer brings you closer to God. It keeps you connected with the spirit world and helps you to stay in tune, inspired, and going the right direction. Even if you're praying for others or about other situations that you aren't involved in personally, you're dwelling in the spirit, and that's very good for your own spiritual life.

Praying for people brings down the Lord's Spirit. It brings a spirit of faith, a positive spirit, because you're expecting God to answer, to do something, to move, when you bring your prayer request to Him. Just the fact that you manifest faith in the Lord through your prayers pleases Him, and He works in the situation or in the person's life. He hears it all and He doesn't take your prayers lightly. He doesn't just brush them off or file them away to take care of later when He has time, but He takes each prayer very seriously because He knows you're sincere. He loves you and He loves the one you're praying for, and He wants to help. He wants to work and move and bring about the changes needed, supply the needs, bring the victories, do the miracles, and because of your prayers, He can do all those things much more quickly.

He's bound by His Word, and if you pray about something or for someone, He has to work, He has to move and apply your prayer and do something. He said He would, and the fact that you're praying and holding Him to His promises has a big effect. It has a bigger effect than you can imagine--much, much bigger. The Lord doesn't always tell you all the answers to your prayers or let you see all the results; you have to take it by faith, and sometimes you have to keep praying and beseeching like the importunate woman. A lot of it is by faith, but whether or not you get to see the results immediately, you can trust that every prayer makes a difference.

Sometimes the Lord lets you see the results right away to encourage you and show you that you're not just going through the motions of prayer, but that He heard and He answered. Sometimes He'll let you see the miracle, the answer to prayer, so that you can praise Him and give Him all the glory. Other times you don't see it; you don't know what's happening and you just have to trust and take it by faith. But those times are important--maybe even more important--because He's having to do more, there are more factors involved, more steps to take, and more of a miracle is required.

So don't give up praying for others, because it's a very important and very needed ministry. Your prayers are important, every single one of them. They're real and they have a real effect. They not only help others, but they help you by keeping you close to the Lord, soft, compassionate, and humble. ⁽¹⁹⁾

Thank you, My brides, for keeping your prayer candles burning. I know you don't always see the immediate results, but I see. I know you can't always envision the magnitude of your prayers, but I and My Heavenly host can see the far-reaching effects they have. We can see the light and blaze of your prayers as they streak across the nations, from land to land and heart to heart, reaching those for whom you care

The devils also see the trail, the blaze of your prayers, and they tremble. The devils fear, for your prayers tie their hands and prevent them from carrying out their evil deeds. The devils are cut off by your prayers. They know they have no power against your full-of-faith prayers when they see them streak across the sky.

When you pray, it's like sending up a smoke signal. My Heavenly host and I see and receive the signal and move right into action on your behalf. The devils also see the signal, and they cower and tremble. They know what the repercussion of these prayers will mean for them.

The Enemy would have you think your prayers are not powerful. And when you "see" how different situations you pray for are progressing, you may think he is right. And the more you think that, the more you may be tempted to think your prayers are in vain, so why pray?

The Devil will do anything to get you to stop praying, because through prayer he will be defeated. That's why the devils tremble and fear when you pray, because your prayers bring action against them. The more you pray, the more they're doomed to defeat. So look with eyes of faith and eyes of the spirit and see! Behold how they tremble and fear!

Persevere in prayer, knowing that it is just like My servant Martin Luther received from Me in the song
A Mighty Fortress:

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure,
One little Word shall fell him.

And that "Word" isn't just My Name, but all the words you pray that are packed with the truth of My Word. Keep praying, for your prayers will cut the Devil to the heart and will send him and all his imps trembling in fear before the mighty power of God. Your prayers of faith ring out the victory that overcomes Satan and his demons, the victory that overcomes the world. ⁽²⁰⁾

Prayer is not inactivity; prayer is not just sitting back and doing nothing, neither is it a waste of effort. Prayer is the essence of your service for Me. I want to repeat that. Prayer is the essence of your service for Me. It is by prayer that you show your dedication to Me and your service and loyalty.

Prayer is the sacrifice by which you prove your rank and your honor as a warrior. It is one of the basic requirements for any soldier in this outfit. Prayer is the fundamental upon which the war for this world is fought, and it is the starting point for every miracle.

Prayer is not a secondary weapon in your armory; it is a primary weapon. Prayer isn't a sideline back-up plan should you get in a tight spot. Prayer is the plan. Prayer is the strategy. Prayer is the ball in soccer, rugby, billiards, or any ball sport. Without prayer the heavenly game of your spiritual life would cease to exist.

Prayer is the fundamental fabric of the spirit world, and it is the framework of all the storehouses of the spirit. Prayer is the lifeline of the spirit world and the foundation for all action in My Kingdom. Prayer is as inseparable from your life as the air you breathe. Without prayer there would be no release of power, no spiritual energy, no action, no accomplishments, no miracles. Prayer is the critical ingredient to your spiritual life. Prayer is the action which creates action. Everything is dependent on prayer.

Because of the importance of prayer, I remind you again and again that you must use it, live by it, swear by it, and depend on it. Prayer is so important, but it is one of the least used and most attacked weapons in your arsenal. Satan has a whole division of his forces assigned to distract and keep you from prayer. They will use any tactic and they have every bit of Satan's power available to them, because it is the single most damaging act to Satan's kingdom. If Satan can get you to not turn your weapon on, to not use your equipment in the battlefield, he has triumphed over you. ⁽²¹⁾

Prayer is the most you can do. Prayer is the best you can do. Prayer is the answer. Nothing is impossible to the man or woman of prayer. There is no barrier that strong prayer and the power of the keys cannot break through; there is no enemy that prayer and the keys cannot conquer. There is so much more you can do through prayer than by any other means available to you. Laboring prayer,

prevailing prayer, intercessory prayer, unfailing prayer is the answer. If you will let the revival of prayer begin in your own hearts, it will start a revolution that will be heard round the world. ⁽²²⁾

(Dad praying from Heaven:) Thank You Jesus for Your greatness, for answering the prayers of Your children! Help us to realize just how important our prayer life is. We've had to take it by faith for so many years, just trusting that when You tell us You will answer, You will. We've seen the results, we've seen our prayers work wonders, but because our carnal minds can't comprehend just how it all works, we sometimes take prayer for granted. We get so used to hearing the word that it doesn't mean that much to some of us.

Help us, Jesus, to realize just how much it means to You when we trust You and confide in You and ask of You. You're a King, and You love to be able to prove Your power. You love to have us ask of You so that You can make us happy by answering and giving to us so abundantly. Help us never to forget just how important our prayers are to You, how much it means to You, and how vital it is to keep that connection strong, to enter into our prayer closet, to praise and thank You and to fervently plead for our loved ones in need, and for any situation that needs Your help and intervention. Thank You for being our Father Who rejoices to give gifts to His children!

Give us more faith, Jesus, to ask, knowing that through our asking, our supplications, our seeking You desperately in prayer, mighty things will happen! Hallelujah! Praise Your Name! ⁽²³⁾

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