

Prayerlessness of God's People

Our God and our Father,
Your heart's cry through Jesus was that Your house would be called a House of Prayer for all nations, yet we talk to each other instead of praying to you.

You seek for a people who would trust you, who would honour and reverence your name, and desire to spend time in your presence, in private prayer.

You desire to have a love relationship with your people through prayer, where we would listen to your voice and receive and obey your heart's desires, where we would trust that you watch over us, listen to our prayers and act on our behalf, as you promise in your word; but we have not believed and trusted you for healing.

You desire to bless us and give us the desires of our hearts as we delight in you, spend time in your word, and learn your ways; yet so often we have not received your love or thanked you.

You long for a spotless bride who loves you devoutly and knows you intimately, who is eager to hear your voice and seek your face in prayer, as you are her beloved.

You said to Martha who was anxious about many things, that 'Mary has chosen the good portion – that which is to advantage – which shall not be taken away from her'. Yet, too often we have not chosen the time to pray or to develop a personal relationship with you; we have not known you or trusted you for forgiveness.

Our lips have been for you, but our hearts have been far from you.

Our Care-less-ness has lead to prayer-less-ness; prayer has often been our last resort or priorityinstead of starting with prayer, so often it is just an afterthought, a religious observance.

We have been deceived like the Laodicean Church, we have thought we could do 'great things for God' without you, asking that you would bless our programs and clever ideas....
We should have been teaching our people to ask the Holy Spirit to make intercession for us when we do not know how we ought to pray.

Instead of praying and travailing for souls to come into your Kingdom, for those who do not yet know you to find you as their Lord and Saviour, to grow up and mature in Christ to be your disciples, we have busied ourselves with good works of the flesh; we have been endlessly too busy to pray.

Too often we have not sought you in prayer, or waited upon you and your timing, to give birth to the spiritual and eternal things of your Kingdom, which bring life to people and glory to your name.

Jesus, we have forgotten that you have bought us at the price of your shed blood at Calvary, and that we are not our own, but are your people: please teach us how to pray.

You say in your word in Rev 3:9 Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]. v20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.

V21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his

throne. He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Holy Spirit says to the assemblies (the churches).

We pray 'Oh God, have mercy upon us here in Australia and change our hearts to desire to humble ourselves and pray, and to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness'.

Today, we hear your voice calling us and we open the door for your Kingdom to Come and Your will to be done here in this nation of Australia, and out from here to all the nations.

Today make us strong in your way where we have been weak. Prepare us as your Bride to pray in ways that please your heart and bring you glory.

AMEN.

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