

The Prayers of The Righteous!

KJV Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

The LORD as we have heard means “Jehovah” The Self-Existing God that keeps His Promises.

So the writer is telling us God along with His Promises to bless are distant, remote and removed from the wicked or twisted (people who twist the Truth to their benefit).

But God hears the prayer requests of the righteous (**those in right standing with Him through the blood of Christ**) and longs to fulfill His Covenant Promises to them.

KJV Proverbs 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

KJV Psalm 34:15 The eyes (thoughts) of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears (attention) are open unto their cry.

16 *The face (presence) of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

17 *The righteous cry (call), and the LORD heareth (listens), and delivereth (rescue, literally snatch out) them out of all their troubles.*

18 *The LORD is near (in that place with) to the brokenhearted and saves (defends) the crushed in spirit.*

Is your heart broken over the sin, wickedness and violence spreading across the country and around the world?

Are you suffering on your job, or your children in school or in your neighborhood because of the anger, tension and frustration of people?

ESV James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

It's time to pray like we've never prayed before!

Those suffering most should pray the most rather than complain or get violent!

When a person was afflicted with **leprosy** they were required to cry out “unclean, unclean”! **Not so people would feel sorry for them**, but so people would pray for them to be healed and enter into the congregation again and worship God!

By the time Jesus came along people turned their afflictions into a job!

ESV James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

The idea is for the sick and suffering to receive prayer and be healed

KJV James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

- **The remedy for sickness is prayer!**
- **The remedy for weakness is prayer!**
- **The remedy for powerlessness is prayer.**

When people in right standing with God pray heart felt energetic prayers much power is released.

It's time to release more of the power of God into the world through prayer!

ESV James 5:17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

God promises to hear and respond to the prayers of the righteous!

He promises to release His power for our good!

ESV Jeremiah 33:2 "Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it- the LORD is his name:

3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.