



HORIZONS OF PRAYER

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When we look out over the ocean as far as we can see, the point where the ocean meets the sky is called the **Horizon**. If you **move towards** that horizon, it shifts and moves out further, beyond where you originally saw it, and increases the number of things that we can see. Continuing to focus on things nearest to us will only restrict what we see further out.



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Be encouraged to give some time to reflect on your personal prayer life, and explore new **horizons of prayer** that you may not have previously entered into. This will open up to you a new and broader concept of prayer and what it can accomplish. (Ephesians 6:18)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER ...

... that is formed, motivated and empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is God through the Holy Spirit praying His prayer through us. It is praying the kind of prayers that Jesus would pray if He were here in person on earth.

HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRED PRAYERS ...

... Prayers that are directly prompted and inspired by the Holy Spirit; not by a prayer list or the human mind—*It is; "praying in the Holy Spirit" - Jude 1:20, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Timothy 2:1, 1 Timothy 5:5, Hebrews 5:7.*

STRATEGIC PRAYER ...

... This has to do with our prayers specifically and deliberately **targeting** those schemes and plans that are opposed or hindering God's plans and our ministry expressions.

It is specifically **directing** our prayers towards those specific named targets or objectives that we have set for the advancement of the Lord's work. Also, it is asking, through prayer, for God to show you logistically the new or next place to go, the specific persons that He wants you to meet/connect with, and who He wants you to speak to each day.

"Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith." - Martin Luther

PREVAILING PRAYER ...

... that **continues** to press through UNTIL that prayer **prevails**. Prayer that prevails wins through! Prayer that proves to be stronger and is able to have influence over those who oppose.

PERSEVERING PRAYER ...

... that **perseveres** and refuses to accept NO for an answer!

PERSISTENT PRAYER ...

... that **persists** no matter the circumstances and **refuses** to give up!

CORPORATE PRAYER ...

... Many individuals actively engaged in prayer, embracing all kinds of prayer for a **common cause**. People of **one heart** (passion, feeling) and **one mind** (thought and concept), for one purpose.

Let all of us enlarge our Horizons in prayer. Let's explore new areas of prayer that we have never experienced before, according to scriptural guidelines. Venture further and further into what new horizons unfold.

"God will do nothing but in answer to prayer." - John Wesley

"Prayer is striking the winning blow; service is gathering up the results." - E.M. Bounds

PETITION PRAYER ...

... strongly pleads and appeals to God on the basis of God's declared will. Often accompanied with strong crying and tears. *(Check how Jesus prayed in Hebrews 5:7.)*

AUTHORITATIVE PRAYER ...

... Praying with the authority that has been given us in Christ. Praying with the clear knowledge that we have the authority (the right) to **command** and to **declare** certain things that are right and good and **must** be done. Authority to bring pressure down on those things and circumstances that are resistant to normal prayer.

ASSERTIVE PRAYER ...

... Asserting the judgement that God has already declared upon the devil and his evil spirits.

REPETITIVE PRAYER ...

... that keeps on asking, knocking, seeking, continuing until the answer comes. *(See Luke 18:1.)*

"Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons; but they are helpless against our prayers." - Sidlow Baxter

DIRECTIVE PRAYER ...

... directed at a specific matter, objective or person. Involving naming people, things, circumstance, those things opposed to God's work and, through prayer, speaking directly and authoritatively to that specific thing, clearly naming it.

FAITH FILLED PRAYER ...

... is filled with strong and unwavering trust in what God has said. Investing your personal faith in that which you are desiring to see happen. Prayers that are filled with faith contain references to who God is, what He promised to do and that you believe He will do what you are asking. *(See Mark 11: 23-24.)*

PASSIONATE PRAYER ...

- **sincere (heartfelt)** - ... that is truly passionate and has intense feeling arising from the emotions and feelings of the heart that leads us to be engaged in what we are praying for. This is different to objective praying where we are detached from the things being prayed for.

PERSUASIVE PRAYER ...

... on the basis of what God has promised in His Word and the kind of person He is. God responds to this approach. Moses prayed this kind of prayer when pleading for the few righteous people still in Sodom and Gomorrah to be spared from destruction. This may be a new horizon in prayer for you to move towards, to explore and engage in.

"Failure of any Christian enterprise is a result of a failure in prayer - Anon