

PRAYER...YOU CAN DO IT!  
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In teaching these disciples, Jesus said,

**John 14:12-NIV**

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.

**Mark 14:38-NIV**

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.

Paul learned this secret, and he wrote,

**1 Thessalonians 5:17-NIV**

Pray continually.

**AMP** - *Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly]...*

**Passion** – *make your life a prayer.*

**Psalm 17:1–2**

Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips. May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.

**Psalm 66:17, 19–20, Passion**

For I cried to him for help with *praises ready on my tongue.*

But he listened! He heard my prayer! He paid attention to it!

Blessed be God, who didn't turn away when I was praying and didn't refuse me his kindness and love.

**Matthew 6:6, NKJV**

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

In these few words, Jesus gave at least five specifics about praying.

First: that prayer involved a period of time— "when you pray."

**Psalm 55:17-NIV**

"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice"

Second: Jesus also suggested that there be a place for prayer— "your closet."

Third: definite factor in praying: the need for privacy— "shut the door."

Fourth: factor in praying is to know the person to whom we pray— "the Father who sees in secret."

In the model prayer, Jesus said,

**Matthew 6:9, NKJV**

In this manner, therefore, pray: "*Our Father in heaven*"

Fifth: factor in prayer is the promise of an open blessing— the Father "will reward you openly."

**Jude 20–21-NIV**

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

**Romans 8:26-NIV**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express"

**1 Corinthians 14:14–15-Passion**

For if I am praying in a tongue, my spirit is engaged in prayer, but I have no clear understanding of what is being said.

So, here's what I've concluded. I will pray in the Spirit, but I will also pray with my mind engaged. I will sing rapturous praises in the Spirit, but I will also sing with my mind engaged.