

PRAYERS THAT REALLY WORK
#SermonPrayer
Essentials for Growth Part 4
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1 Thessalonians 3:10-13 **Night and day** we pray most **earnestly** that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now **may our God** and Father himself and our **Lord Jesus clear the way** for us to come to you. ¹² May the **Lord make your love increase** and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ **May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy** in the presence of our God and Father **when our Lord Jesus comes** with all his holy ones. (NIV)

1. PRAY FREQUENTLY - “Night and day”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray **all the time**. (MSG)

Ephesians 6:18 Pray at **all times** and on **every occasion** in the **power** of the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should **always pray** and **not give up**. (NIV)

2. PRAY PASSIONATELY - “Most earnestly”

Matthew 6:5 When you pray, don't be like those **show-offs** who love to stand up and pray in the meeting places and on the street corners. They do this **just to look good**. I can assure you that they already have their reward. (CEV)

3. PRAY SPECIFICALLY - “May our God”

Matthew 7:7 Keep on **asking**, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on **looking**, and you will find. Keep on **knocking**, and the door will be opened. (NLT)

Hebrews 4:16 So let us **come boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it. (NLT)

John 14:13 From now on, whatever you request **along the lines** of **who I am** and **what I am doing**, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. (Msg)

How?

1. **PRAY FOR GOD TO REMOVE OBSTACLES** - “May God clear the way”
2. **PRAY FOR GOD TO INCREASE LOVE** - “May the Lord make your love increase”
3. **PRAY FOR PERSONAL GROWTH** - “May he strengthen your hearts”
4. **PRAY FOR GOD’S BEST** - “So that you will be blameless and holy”
5. **PRAY WITH THE END IN MIND** - “When our Lord Jesus comes”

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (NIV)