

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Colossians 1:1-14, Ephesians 6:18

Memory Verse

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (NIV)

James 5:16



CASEY'S DAY

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When kids pray, it makes a difference! Sometimes we might think that God only hears grown-up prayers, but God also wants *kids* to care about and pray for our families and friends. Kids and families can also pray big prayers for our neighborhoods, communities, and the world. James 5:16 says that when someone who loves God prays, their prayers are powerful and can help a lot.

It is easy to think, "There is nothing I can do!" but God tells us to pray. He promises to fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we pray, we have no idea how incredibly God will move!

Praying connects us to God and to the people around us. We cry when we hear about wars, forest fires, sick friends, and families who are hurting. Let's pray and help them in this powerful way.

In Colossians 1, we hear what Paul and Timothy prayed for the church there. They prayed that God would show that church everything he wanted them to do and that they would have all the wisdom and

understanding his Spirit gives. They thanked God for his rescue plan for sending Jesus to save his people from sin.

Do you know anyone who needs prayer? Maybe they're in the hospital or caring for a sick family member. Maybe there's a friend who's seeking answers to big questions and needs God's wisdom. Our world, church, and friends need us to pray these prayers. God moves when we pray. There is nothing our God cannot do!

Prayer

God, you are big and mighty! There is nothing that you cannot do! Please grow our hearts to care about what you care about for our world, family, and friends. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Please move in your power to help those who are hurting, sick, and hopeless. Shine the light of Jesus in our world as you hold it in your hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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