



Life as a Constant Prayer.

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“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

What would it be like to have every moment filled with living out the amazing truth that He is in me and I am in Him? My whole life would be a constant prayer for I would be in continual communion with the One I love, and who loves me more than I can ever comprehend.

The issue, of course, is...how to do this in a practical way in my daily living! To live my life as a continual prayer demands a battle with my flesh.

I have heard of people who have set alarms to draw themselves back into awareness of the Presence of God...and that's a good idea...but I have the Holy Spirit to remind me of all things – so I have begun to ask Him to infuse me with continual awareness! I know this is possible because I am not in the realm of the flesh, but in the realm of the Spirit...and the Spirit lives in me: “You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you...” (Romans 8:9a)

–Adapted from the blog, [Prayer as Every Day Life](#) by Kim Butts

Holy Spirit, my heart is set upon continually seeking the face of the Father! I'm so grateful for Your help in the daily battle with my flesh, and for Your gentle reminders that keep me from being sucked into worldly things. Help me to live by faith with the continual knowledge of Christ living in me so that I might bring glory to God with every word, thought and action.

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Prayer Point

Praise God for the depth of the riches of his wisdom and knowledge (Rom.11:33). Give thanks that “from him and through him and to him are all things” (11:36). Confess times of thinking that God owes you favors or explanations (11:35). Commit yourself to thinking deeply about God until you come to the end of your ability to understand. Ask God to help you reach that point with wonder and amazement rather than doubt or cynicism (11:33-36).

Pray that God will help all believers to be students of his ways with eyes to see and minds to understand more of his caring control. Ask that God’s kingdom will soon come in fullness.

–Prayer Points taken from [Patterns for Prayer](#) by Alvin Vander-Griend

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The Apostle Paul’s Instruction for Prayer

“Therefore I exhort first that supplication, prayer, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” 1 Timothy 2:12

In this scripture the apostle Paul is asking all Christians to pray for all people in general and particularly for all in authority. **Supplication** is defined as “to make a humble entreaty, to ask earnestly and humbly”. It is also called the prayer of petition. We are encouraged to ask for things, just as children ask their parents. Matthew 7:8 “everyone who asks receives, Matthew 7:11 and “how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him.”

Let’s make prayers of supplication for our New York State leaders:

1. That our Governor and the men and women of our state legislature be sanctified by truth. When they make decisions or make law they will pray and ask God’s will and consult His word.
John 17:17

2. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but always looking out for the best interest of the state. Phil 2:3

Intercessory prayer is praying for others. An Intercessor is one who pleads with God on behalf of someone else who desperately needs God intervention.

Let’s make intercession prayer for our leaders:

1. Our Governor and legislator’s focus is too earthly. Pray that they come to understand that they can rule with Christ in heaven for all of eternity. May it motivate them to become wise stewards now of God’s State of New York. Rev 22:12
“Behold I am coming soon. My rewards are with me and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.
2. Pray that integrity and uprightness protect them because their hope is in God. Psalm 25:2
3. That they put to death therefore, whatever belongs to the sinful nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Colossians 3:5
4. That they do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than themselves. Phil 2:3

The Apostle Paul tells us to **give thanks** for our kings and all people of authority. In Paul’s lifetime the rulers were pagans, enemies to Christians and persecuted them. He still admonished them to pray and give thanks for their leaders.

We can give thanks to God for the public good they promote and for their civil government; and for the proper people entrusted with the administration of it.

We can give thanks for the welfare of our leaders and for the State of New York. “My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places.”

Many of our New York State Legislators want prayer because they encounter many difficulties. It is impossible to please all the people all the time. Let us pray that they turn over all their difficulties to God in prayer and do His will.