

# Your Prayers are Eternal



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2 Peter 3:9 (KJV): The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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While this passage primarily refers to the promise of the Lord's return, it can also be applied to other promises God has made. One such promise is His assurance that He will answer our prayers. He tells us in Matthew 7:7 and Luke 11:9 that if we ask, it shall be given to us; if we seek, we shall find it, and if we knock, the door will be opened.

Although there may be times when our prayers seem unanswered, it's important to remember that God operates outside our human perception of time. In 2 Peter 3:8, Peter tells us that one day to the Lord is a thousand years, and a thousand years is a day. This phrase could have easily been, "One day to the Lord is a billion years, and a billion years is a day." Peter was trying to tell us that God's time is not ours.

His patience is not a sign of reluctance or delay but rather an indication of desire for our ultimate good. Just as God is patient in fulfilling the prophecy of His return, He also exhibits patience in answering our prayers, especially when we are praying for a Prodigal Son. Remember that the Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

It is essential to understand that when we intercede for another person, we must acknowledge that they maintain free will. God will not impose His will upon them. Although He is eager to fulfill His promise to respond to our prayers, He must patiently wait until they decide to return to Him.

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Revelation 5:8 (KJV): And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

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The New King James Version refers to the "golden vials of odors" as the "golden bowls full of incense." Our prayers are eternal, and they are like incense to God.

But have you ever wondered what happens to the prayers that remain unanswered? I believe God has a stack of unanswered prayers sitting on his desk. Each time you pray for a lost son or daughter, He adds another prayer to the stack before Him. If you prayed for someone every night for 30 years, a stack of 10,950 prayers would sit before God.

When they make the decision that they need to find their way back to the church and Jesus Christ, they say, "I need to return to my Father's house." You can almost hear a triumphant cry from the heavens as God shouts, "YES!!! Now I can address this multitude of prayers."

"Here's a prayer from June 1989, ANSWERED!!!"

"Here's a prayer from December 2002, ANSWERED!!!"

"Here's a prayer from March 2015, ANSWERED!!! ANSWERED!!! ANSWERED!!!"

He continues until there are no more prayers left in the stack. Never stop praying for the prodigal. God may be unable to answer your prayers today, tomorrow, or in 10 years. They may not even be answered before you leave this world for the next, but He keeps every prayer and waits for them to take that first step toward the Father's house.

## X Tweets:

1. **2 Peter 3:9 (KJV):** "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 🌟 Trust in His promises, knowing that His timing is perfect. #Faith #Hope
2. **Matthew 7:7 (KJV):** "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Our prayers are not just words; they're heartfelt requests that God cherishes. Keep knocking! 📖 🙏 #PrayerLife
3. **2 Peter 3:8 (KJV):** "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." God's perspective is beyond our understanding; He works on His beautiful timeline. ⏳ ✨ #DivineTiming
4. **Revelation 5:8 (KJV):** "Having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints." Each prayer is treasured and eternal in His sight. Remember, they matter! ❤️ #EternalPrayers
5. Imagine every prayer you've lifted for a loved one stacked before God. Each one is heard and held close to His heart. Every moment of longing will echo in heaven when they return. "YES! Now I can address this multitude!" 🌈 #NeverStopPraying