

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11

Sunday	Faith: O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is the good Shepherd and for His mercies endures forever; Magnify the Lord for His loving-kindness, truth and manifold blessings at the leadership congress; Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; Bless the Lord for strengthening the Church and moving it forward by His grace; Thank the Lord for journey mercies for all the congress participants; Exalt the Lord for His steadfast love that never ceases.
Monday	Forgiveness: O Lord try me and know my thoughts, see if there be any wicked way in me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness; Lord lead me in the way everlasting and keep me upright in thy way; Create in me a clean heart O Lord and renew a right spirit within me; Lord let my life, family, the Church and our community flourish in Your forgiveness and accept our Lord Jesus as Saviour.
Tuesday	Fruitfulness: O God purge Your Church and make us all fruitful vines in Jesus name; Lord Jesus, let Your awesome power be manifest in the Church and make our evangelism fruitful; In the day of thy power thy people shall be willing, O Lord prepare the Church to disciple the whole nation; Lord make me a soul winner and let my fruits abide; As I sow in righteousness Lord help me to reap in mercy; Mighty God anoint the ministers of the gospel to preach with power.
Wednesday	Favour: Heavenly Father, remember me with favour that thou bearest unto thy people and visit me with thy salvation in the name of Jesus; Arise O Lord, have mercy for the set time to favour the Church is come in Jesus Name; Give me that which is good O Lord and let the land yield her increase in Jesus name; In the mighty name of Jesus, O Lord, increase my greatness and comfort me on every side; Lord Jesus, move the Church leaders forward and build the Church.
Thursday	Freedom: By Your mighty power, O Lord preserve me, my family and the Church from evil and evil workers in the name of Jesus; As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so O Lord be round about me, my family and the Church in Jesus name; Shepherd of my soul, do that which You please in my life, family, the Church and this nation in Jesus name; O Lord, thou at my refuge and shield in the name of Jesus; Lord keep this nation from evil in Jesus Name.
Friday	Fullness: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want in Jesus name; O Lord, please supply all my needs according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus; O Lord, help our leaders to implement all they have learnt from the congress; O God empower our leaders through the training they have received to disciple the whole nation; Great God provide all the resources needed to complete the new headquarter building; Lord, let Your Spirit be fully manifest in the Church.
Saturday	Fervency: Envelop us, O Lord, with Your peace in Jesus name; Fill us O Lord, with fervency for the things of Your Kingdom; Lord, let Your peace be revealed to the people in the community and put a stop to violence and crime in the name of Jesus; O Lord, let Your peace reign in this nation and bring all men to surrender to You as Lord and Saviour; Lord Jesus, bring the leadership in this nation to acknowledge You as Shepherd, do Your will and worship You.

It is time to soar

A time comes in ones life when you aim to get to the best in whatever you do. You can sleep in mediocrity but you can awake to arise and fly to the topmost height.

You can awake out of the slumber of failure, non achievement, frustration, sickness, wishy-washy christen life. Remember wise King Solomon, great poet and literary genius an intelligent man, a student of God's creation spoke of many things yet the way of an eagle in the air was intriguing or amazing to him (this year your ways will be amazing to those that behold you!).

Announcements

Special Women's Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays & Fridays at 6.00 pm
Please remember to redeem your pledge for our new headquarters building.

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Special Welcome

You are welcome to today's Sunday Service in Jesus name. Our prayer is that the Lord will do something special in your life today. Open your heart and allow His Spirit to reach out to you in His love and power in Jesus' name. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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| 1. Opening Prayer | 6. Worship |
| 2. Congregational Hymn | 7. Intercession & Offering |
| 3. Search the Scriptures | 8. Bible Reading / Hymn / Choir |
| 4. Prayer | 9. The Message |
| 5. Question and Answer Session | 10. Prayers & Blessings |

Hymn 68

Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us

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| <p>1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
 Much we need Thy tender care;
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Thy folds prepare.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.</p> <p>2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Hear, O hear us when we pray.</p> <p>3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse and power to free.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Early let us turn to Thee.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Early let us turn to Thee.</p> | <p>4. Early let us seek Thy favour,
 Early let us do Thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
 With Thy love our bosoms fill.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.</p> <p>5. Like a shepherd come receive us,
 When Thou comest in the air,
 In Thine arms wilt Thou now take us
 To that joyful union there;
 Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus
 In that land beyond compare
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Sweet Hour Of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
2. Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;

- And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
3. Sweet hour of prayer!
Sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home, and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.

Summary of Last Sunday's Message

Topic:	Prevailing Prayers
Preacher:	Pastor Funso Fabivi

So many times in the Christendom, we over complicate things or even totally miss the mark, not the least in prayers. When people think about prayer, they think that it is super complicated or that it is a magic wand they can wield when they want something to go their way. Prayer is none of these. That is why this is the time that Christians should go back to biblical basics about prayers - where it originated. The scriptures is where we learn and see how to go about prayers.

I. Principles in Prevailing Prayer

There are certain features that should characterise our prayers.

1. Will of God -1 John 5:14; Phil 4:8
God will not do anything contrary to his revealed will in the scriptures. He will not change his eternal plan and purpose to fulfil man's selfish whim. If anybody to conform to God's will, it is man.
2. Faith Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:22, 23.
Answer to prayer comes on the wings of faith. Faith is the firm trust in the faithfulness of God to keep his promise once all the conditions are met. Faith makes a believer to get off his knees in prayers in full assurance that his petitions have been granted
3. Clear conscience 1 John 3:20,22; Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 26:6; 1 Tim 6:8; Matthew 13:36; Matthew 5:23, 24; Matthew 6:12, 15; Ezekiel 14:3. Sin hinders prayer by sealing the lips in guilt, while holiness and clear conscience make prayers to ascend to the throne of grace.
4. Dependence on the Holy Spirit Romans 8:26, 27; Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20
5. Pray with all prayer - Let the Holy Spirit lead you to use the right form of prayer each step of the way until your joy is full. This could be individual or private prayer, prayer of agreement/in twos, group or congregational prayer, praise, worship, thanksgiving, supplication, intercession, prayer of command/authority etc.
6. Definite Object- You need to be very specific in your petition. The Lord knows our need, but then He still wants us to mention the exact thing we want to him.
7. Perseverance/Importunity Luke 18:1
There are some needs in the life of a believer that snappy, one-off prayer will not do. For such, we need to tarry before the Lord and persevere in prayer until answer comes.

II. Promises for Prevailing Prayer Matthew 7:7; 18:19; 21:22; Mark 11:24; Luke 11:13; 22:32; John 14: 13-14; 16:23; Romans 10:12; Hebrews 4:16; 10:19; 1 John 5: 14-15; James 5:16

There is power in prayer! You, as a Christian, have the authority to enter God's throne room and ask for His blessing in your life. You may enter with the boldness of faith and knowledge that God hears and answers prayers. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16) Why has God given us this authority? Because we Christians have been adopted into the royal family of God, "... that we may receive the adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:5b) However, "come boldly to the throne" does not mean to come to the throne in a disrespectful manner. It means to

come with the boldness that is present when we KNOW something to be true. In other words, to come with the boldness of faith and knowledge that God will receive us, hear our prayers, and answer them according to His will. (Galatians 4:5b) However, "come boldly to the throne" does not mean to come to the throne in a disrespectful manner. It means to come with the boldness that is present when we KNOW something to be true. In other words, to come with the boldness of faith and knowledge that God will receive us, hear our prayers, and answer them according to His will.

III. People Who Prayed Prevailing Prayer Genesis 18: 16-33; 32:22-30; James 5:17, 18; 1 Samuel 1: 1-20; 2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33: 1-19; Acts 16:25-40; Acts 7:55, 56.

Those who have left the deepest impression on this sin cursed earth have been men and women of prayer. You will find that PRAYER has been the mighty power that has moved not only God, but man. **Abraham** was a man of prayer, and angels came down from heaven to converse with him.

Jacob's prayer was answered in the wonderful encounter at Ford Jabbok, that resulted in his having such a mighty blessing, and in softening the heart of his brother Esau; the child Samuel was given in answer to **Hannah's** prayer; **Elijah's** prayer closed up the heavens for three years and six months, and he prayed again and the heavens gave rain. On another occasion Elijah brought down fire on Mount Carmel. The prophets of Baal cried long and loud, but no answer came. The God of Elijah heard and answered his prayer. Let us remember that the God of Elijah still lives. The prophet was translated and went up to heaven, but his God still lives, and we have the same access to Him that Elijah had.

Elijah: The Apostle James tells us that the prophet Elijah was a man "subject to like passions as we are." Meaning that those men and women who were so mighty in prayer were just like ourselves. We are apt to think that those prophets and mighty men and women of old time were different from what we are. To be sure they lived in a much darker age, but they were of like passions with ourselves.

Elisha prayed, and life came back to a dead child. Many of our children are dead in trespasses and sins. Let us do as Elisha did; let us entreat God to raise them up in answer to our prayers.

Manasseh, the king, was a wicked man, and had done everything he could against the God of his father; yet in Babylon, when he cried to God, his cry was heard, and he was taken out of prison and put on the throne at Jerusalem. Surely if God gave heed to the prayer of wicked Manasseh, He will hear ours in the time of our distress. Is not this a time of distress with a great number of our fellowmen? Are there not many among us whose hearts are burdened? As we go to the throne of grace, let us remember that GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

Paul and Silas in the prison at Philippi. As they prayed and sang praises, the place was shaken, and the jailer was converted. Probably that one conversion has done more than any other recorded in the Bible to bring people into the kingdom of God. How many have been blessed in seeking to answer the question - "What must I do to be saved?" It was the prayer of those two godly men that brought the jailer to his knees, and that brought blessing to him and his family.

Stephen, as he prayed and looked up, saw the heavens opened, and the Son of Man at the right hand of God; the light of heaven fell on his face so that it shone. Remember, too, how the face of Moses shone as he came down from the Mount; he had been in communion with God. So when we get really into communion with God, He lifts up His countenance upon us; and instead of our having gloomy looks, our faces will shine, because God has heard and answered our prayers.

Christ is an example for us in all things; in nothing more than in prayer. We read that Christ prayed to His Father for everything. Every great crisis in His life was preceded by prayer. As Christ was praying at His baptism, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended on Him. On the mount of Transfiguration, "As He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistening." On another occasion, the it was recorded that "It came to pass in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." When He came down from the mountain, He gathered His disciples around Him, and preached that great discourse known as the Sermon on the Mount - the most wonderful sermon that has ever been preached to mortal men. Probably no sermon has done so much good, and it was preceded by a night of prayer.

We read again, in the twelfth of John, that He prayed to the Father in heaviness of heart when He was about to go and make atonement for the sin of the world. Hear what He says: "Now is My soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour." He was almost under the shadow of the Cross; the iniquities of mankind were about to be laid upon Him; one of His twelve disciples was going to deny Him and swear he never knew Him; another was to sell Him for thirty pieces of silver; all were to forsake Him and flee. His soul was exceeding sorrowful, and He prays; when His soul was troubled and God spoke to Him. Then in the Garden of Gethsemane, while He prayed, an angel appeared to strengthen him. In answer to His cry, "Father, glorify Thy Name," He hears a voice coming down from the glory - "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." Another memorable prayer of our Lord was in the Garden of Gethsemane: "He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down and prayed" These things have been recorded that we may be encouraged to pray. How we ought to come to the Lord today as His disciples came to Him that He might teach us to pray prevailing prayers.