

Prayer Quotations

"Prayer agrees with God's word, and the heart agrees with our lips."

John Newton

"Prayer is the great bond of union of Christendom; and not only of Christendom, but all mankind. Prayer is the most tangible proof of the fact that the whole of mankind is seeking after God; or – to put it more correctly – that it is sought by God. Mankind at prayer is a proof of the universal revelation of God."

Friedrich Heiler

"Prayer is not man's work, or discovery or achievement; but God's work in man."

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"Without prayer faith remains a theoretical conviction, worship is only an external and formal act, moral action is without spiritual depth, man remains at a distance from god, an abyss yawns between the finite and the Infinite."

Friedrich Heiler

"Prayer draws the great God down into a small heart; it drives the hungry soul up to God in His fullness"

Mechthild of Magdeburg

"In prayer the highest and the lowest come together, the lowliest heart and the most exalted God."

Johann Arndt

"As the mysterious linking of man with the Eternal, prayer is an incomprehensible wonder, a miracle of miracles which is daily brought to pass in the devout soul."

Friedrich Heiler

"There is nothing more powerful than prayer and there is nothing to be compared with it."

Chrysostom

"Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray then, my dear brother; pray, pray, pray."

Edward Payson

"If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer...He that has prayed well has studied well."

Luther

"No man can do a great and enduring work for God who is not a man of prayer, and no man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying."

E.M. Bounds

"Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer."

John Wesley

"If there is one thing I think the Church needs to learn, it is that God intends prayer to have an answer, and that man has not yet fully conceived of what God will do for the child who believes that his prayer will be heard. God hears prayer."

Andrew Murray

"The chief thing we need for a life of unceasing prayer is to know that Jesus teaches us to pray...Jesus' teaching takes us up into the fellowship of His own prayer-life before the Father."

Andrew Murray

"Prayer is but man uttering to God what is God's will."

Watchman Nee

"True prayer uncovers the emptiness in the petitioner but the fullness in the Petitioned...The state of one's prayer life cannot be too greatly disconnected from the condition of his daily walk...Prayer is work. The experiences of many children of God demonstrate that it accomplishes far more than does any other form of work. If a believer fails in prayer, he in fact fails in everything."

Watchman Nee

"As crucifixion proceeds, intercession begins."

Norman Grubb

"Prayer proves the supremacy of God in missions."

J. Piper

"So we pray because we were made for prayer, and God draws us out by breathing Himself in...And it comes to this, that, as there are thoughts that seem to think themselves in us, so there are prayers that pray themselves in us. And, as those are the best thoughts, these are the best prayers. For it is Christ at prayer who lives in us, and we are conduits of the Eternal Intercession."

Forsyth

"Prayer is the highest use to which speech can be put. It is the highest meaning that can be put into words...The chief failure of prayer is its cessation."

Forsyth

"True prayer is the supreme function of the personality which is the world's supreme product...The praying personality has an eternal value for God as an end in itself."

Forsyth

"Prayer is like the air of certain ocean isles, which is so pure that there vermin cannot live. We should surround ourselves with this atmosphere, as the diver shuts himself into his bell ere he descends into the deep."

Vinet

"The theory of religion is really the philosophy of prayer; and the best theology is compressed prayer. The true theology is warm, and it steams upward into prayer...The greatest, deepest, truest thought of God is generated in prayer, where right thought has its essential condition in a right will...Bible searching and searching prayer go hand in hand."

Forsyth

"In life it is not 'dogged that does it' in the last resort, and it is not hard work; it is faculty, insight, gift, talent, genius. And what genius does in the natural world prayer does in the spiritual. Nothing can give us so much power and vision."

Forsyth

"Prayer, as our greatest work, breeds in us the flair for the greatest work of God, the instinct of His kingdom and sense of His track in time...The only answer to God's eternity is an eternal attitude of prayer."

Forsyth

"God has old prayers of yours long maturing by Him. What wine you will drink with Him in his kingdom...So if you are averse to pray, pray the more...As appetite comes with eating, so prayer with praying. Our hearts learn the language of the lips."

Forsyth

"Private prayer, when it is real action, is the greatest forge of personality. It places a man in direct and effective contact with God the Creator, the source of originality, and especially with god the Redeemer as the source of the new creation."

Forsyth

"Prayer is for the religious life what original research is for science – by it we get direct contact with reality."

Forsyth

"It is an art - this great and creative prayer – this intimate conversation with God. 'Magna ars est conversari cum Deo,' "

Thomas à Kempis