

**Understanding the Power of Prayer**  
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Only understanding can make you become outstanding. Prayer does not change situations, it also changes people. You cannot appear before the altar of prayer and leave the same, (2 Corinthians 3:7; Exodus 34:29). If you engage on the prayer altar effectively, you become 'un-harrasable.' Prayer increases your level of confidence.

The altar of prayer is an amazing platform for change and turnarounds. Many battles are won on the knees. A praying Christian is a triumphing Christian. You will be molested and harassed if you cannot pray but there's no situation you cannot turnaround on the altar of prayer. Change answers to the man or woman of prayer at will (2 Chronicles 20:3-5).

It is human for you to have challenges, but it is not scriptural for you to be defeated, (2 Chronicles 20:22-23). It doesn't matter the level of challenge you're facing, if you can engage the altar of prayer, you can have your victory.

There's no habit you cannot drop if you engage the help of the Holy Spirit through prayer. We can enhance the efficacy of prayer by fasting.

The altar of prayer is the altar of divine encounters (Jeremiah 29:13). One encounter with God is more than a lifetime of struggles. The altar of prayer is where you make contact with the heart of God (Luke 9:28-32).

We must maintain regular prayer hours because any day one begins with God ends well. When you sleep spiritually, your glory sleeps, (Psalm 57:8). There's nothing as dangerous as when your spirit man goes to sleep. Any time your spirit is asleep there's trouble in the horizon. When you sleep spiritually you give the enemy opportunity to overrun you.

The altar of prayer is also the altar of fulfillment of prophecies, (Deuteronomy 22:24). The best form of contention takes place on your knees. When you engage the prayer altar, prophecies that have gone ahead of you become a reality in your life. You must contend for your promised land on the altar of prayers.

If you pray a million times and you pray well, you will get answers a million times (Jeremiah 33:3). God's mind is constant, He does not vacillate on His words.

The times we live in are different and we need a different approach to make sense of these times. We must maintain a serious approach on the altar of prayer if we must succeed in our purpose as children of God.