



## Pray with Power

### Prayer Mistakes...

1. Our prayers are often TOO SMALL.
2. Our prayers are often TOO GENERAL.

Jesus repeatedly told people that God is able to do the impossible.

**Matthew 7:7 (NIV)** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Psalm 147:4-5 (NIV)** 4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

### Paul's Example for Powerful Prayer

**Ephesians 3:14-17a (NIV)** 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17a so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

- You can pray in any POSTURE you feel comfortable praying.
- You can pray out of His glorious riches.
- He can STRENGTHEN you with power.

**Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)** 17b And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

- The power to grasp how wide, how long and how high the love of Christ is.

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)** 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- God wants to do a work within us, believing Him for the impossible, and then we will SHARE IT and give Him the glory.

### Additional Notes...

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: Ephesians 1      Wednesday: Ephesians 3      Friday: Ephesians 5  
 Tuesday: Ephesians 2      Thursday: Ephesians 4      Saturday: Psalm 147

### small groups—talk it over

1. In what areas do your prayers need more boldness and specific direction?
2. If God answered all your prayers from last week, how would your life or the lives of others look different?
3. What will you pray for with power this week? Be specific.
4. What is holding you back from praying that prayer of understanding God's love with great depth?

### pastor lesley's prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray for students and teachers as they finish up the school year.

**Tuesday:** Pray for those individuals who accepted Christ at Glow Fest.

**Wednesday:** Pray for the planning of Vacation Bible School.

**Thursday:** Pray for more volunteers to help in the Children's Ministry Department.

**Friday:** Pray for families to grow TOGETHER in Christ.

**Saturday:** Pray for our weekend services and those attending.