

Answers to Prayer



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Introduction

Humans tend to be self-sufficient when all is well in their lives, but when things go seriously wrong, they almost instinctively reach out to something / someone beyond them – Higher Power, God, the Universe, Great Spirit, or whatever their concept of this Being may be. Even those who don't believe in God, if they are desperate enough, will call out for help – just in case “someone” out there may hear. When it seems that things cannot get any worse, help from beyond is the only hope. And often delivery does come – and perhaps also a turning point in the person's life.

Even when life goes relatively well, the cares and troubles of day-to-day living could be reduced if people realized that they are spiritual beings – God's children – with great resources at their disposal. They need not depend upon themselves alone, but have a loving heavenly Father who is always ready to receive their prayers with open arms, and answer them benevolently when petitioned for with true yearning. According to the Law of Prayer,

which is activated by His children's prayers, for every sincere and unselfish prayer, God is more than willing to answer it in the best interests of the supplicant.

Most people believe that prayer is a chance kind of endeavor; that is, that some of their prayers may be answered and some may not. However, beyond this thinking is a reality that would make each prayer offered in love and sincerity one that would be incapable of not being answered.

People recognize and accept that they have their part to play in the offering of a prayer, but they may understand little of the Father's obligation to answer those prayers in a benevolent fashion.

Some prayers are answered through God's instrumentalities – the Celestial angels and other high spirits – and some are answered directly by the Father Himself.

This book explores the question of how your prayers may be answered and what you can do to increase the chances of having all your needs and many desires met through believing prayer.

How Prayers are Answered

Spiritual laws exist which, if activated, eventuate in beneficial results. One such law is the Law of Prayer. Because of it, the Father hears all genuine prayers. He will not turn a deaf ear to any sincerely offered prayer, so somehow it will bring about a positive outcome. While we may not get exactly what we asked for, of necessity the result will be good.

As our loving Father, God is always happy to answer the prayers of His children for both material and spiritual needs (Matthew 6:25-33). In fact, we are encouraged to ask and promised answers (Luke 11:9-10). The Father may be even more willing to provide for us than earthly parents like to give gifts to their children (Luke 11:13). This is especially true when we ask for the Holy Spirit, and asking for [the Holy Spirit can be equated with asking for the Divine Love.](#)

The so-called “Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6:9-15) prioritizes how we should ask for our needs. At the top of the list is a prayer for the coming

of God's Kingdom (v. 10). This again can be equated with asking for the Divine Love for God's Kingdom, or the Celestial Kingdom, is only open to those who possess the Divine Love in their souls and have thereby had their souls transformed into divine substance. In fact, we are promised that if we seek first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness (again, Divine Love and nature), all our physical needs will be taken care of as well (Matthew 6:25-33).

God personally answers our spiritual prayers – those related to our inner, soulful development. He attends to these directly through His response to the yearnings of the soul. This is especially true regarding prayers for the Divine Love – answered by having the Holy Spirit infuse our souls with God's Love. As a result of this, we also receive true faith since the Love and faith work in tandem.

Material prayers are not answered directly by the Father. However, He is aware of our physical needs and has decreed that these prayers be answered through the work of God's angels and spirits (Hebrews 1:14).

God does not exercise any arbitrary power to answer prayers, nor does He answer them by fiat. Rather, He uses His angels, who are always watching and working, and when the opportunity arises, they use their influence in the best possible way to bring about the desired result.

Some prayer answers depend on the will of others. God or the angels will not violate human will, but may be able to influence people to act in the desired way. If that happens, proper and worthy prayers may then be answered through others. These are only those prayers which tend to bring about the overruling of evil and injustice. If we are not habitually doing God's will or if we ask with wrong motives, our prayers will not be answered (John 9:31; James 4:1-3; 5:16). Neither will be those prayers that are not in harmony with laws controlling the free will and actions of humans or that violate the laws of love.

In answering prayers, the spirits and angels operate under certain limitations. It is a fact that God helps those who help themselves – so we have to do our part toward what we wish to

happen. Yet the spirits can influence – but not control – others' desires and intentions, and thus bring about favorable circumstances. However, answers to prayer will never violate the laws of God governing the material things of His creation, or go beyond the powers naturally given to spirits or angels.

So the keys to answered prayer (spiritual prayers answered by God or material prayers answered by angels and spirits) include asking according to God's will, with the right motives, and in the right priority in order to do good and to further love and justice in the world.

Our Spirit Helpers and Guides

This chapter addresses the topic of spirit guidance and spirit communication, as well as, indirectly, answered prayer. The subject of spirit communication is often shied away from in Christian circles, and veiled in fear. I am starting my thought development from the Bible as a foundation – even though through the process of editing, compiling, selection of manuscripts, as well as translation, errors have been introduced into biblical texts. I am further drawing on a more recent revelation referenced at the end of the book.

Believers in God readily accept the idea that God is our provider, protector, guide, healer, and helper in various other ways, and the Bible substantiates this in many passages (for example: Psalm 48:14-17; 91:1-16; Heb. 13:6). When we are at crossroads, in danger, or at the end of our rope, we cry out to God for help and often see a clear-cut guidance or supernatural intervention.

Ministering Spirits

The Bible also tells us that God uses his angels to minister to us – He doesn't do all the work Himself (Psalm 34:7; 103:20). It is even implied that we are assigned a personal or guardian angel to help us, protect us, and guide us (Acts 12:11-15 alludes to "Peter's angel"; and Psalm 91:11 refers to a "guardian angel").

We are also told that God is the Father of *spirits of all mankind* (Heb. 12:23; Num. 16:22 and 27:16; Rev. 22:6) and the *God of the living, not the dead* (Luke 20:38). In addition, figuratively, or in a spiritual sense, we have access to *heavenly realms teeming with thousands of angels and spirits of perfected humans*, as well as being the abode of God the Father and Jesus (Heb. 12:22-25).

We learn further that even though death is a compulsory part of life, we don't remain dead – there is a "resurrection" and a "world (age) to come" that we enter (Matt. 12:32; 22:29-32). When the physical body dies, there is no resurrection of the physical body or another fleshly reincarnation. There is, however, a

“resurrection” that is common to all. After death, all humans “rise” in a spiritual body that has been with them throughout their lives housing their soul, and enter the spirit world.

The resurrection at the moment of death, when the silver cord connecting the soul to the physical body is broken (Eccl. 12:6-7; “in the twinkling of an eye”, cf. 1 Cor. 15:51-52) has been occurring throughout human history and before the time of Jesus. The continuation of life in the spirit world has been understood by various people all around the globe. Some, being gifted with extra-sensory perception, have witnessed manifestations of this reality in encountering spirit appearances of those who had died and/or were sent to assist in need (2 Kings 6:12-17).

Human History and Destiny

Jesus also alluded to the spirit world existence. The ultimate potential of all humans is to become (like) angels – there will be no marriage (or even sexuality, which is a physical function). Those fulfilling their high potential

will be God's children in the sense of sharing His divine substance and immortality (Matt. 22:29-32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:34-38). This will happen through a process of a "[new birth](#)", or being born again of spirit (John 3:3), which was new revelation that Jesus brought upon coming to earth.

Even though the ultimate human potential is to become God's children by sharing in his divine substance and immortality, not all will achieve this. Some will only develop their [natural human love](#) through obedience to God's commandments, and remain spirits of perfected humans at the [sixth sphere of the spirit world](#). Without the [Divine Love imparted by the Holy Spirit](#), which enables perfect and unconditional love transcending the law (Matt. 5:44-48), they will not qualify for the Celestial Heavens of God's Kingdom as the Father's children in a special kinship and oneness (Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:4-7). However, no matter what state in the physical or spirit world they find themselves, all humans at all times are God's children and his highest and most beloved

creation, even if at present they may be sinners (Matt. 5:44-48; Luke 6:35-36).

When the first humans sinned, the potentiality of at-onement with God the Father, with its accompanying soul transformation and immortality through the Divine Love, was lost to them, and in that sense they died. Jesus brought the news and exemplified the fact in his life, that this potentiality has been restored. This in effect is the ultimate resurrection – resurrection to divinity and immortality – through the Divine Love, available from the Father upon heartfelt prayer, transforming the human soul into divine essence (see Titus 3:3-7).

So, closing the circle of reasoning in this chapter, mortals on earth are assisted by angels and spirits who were once human and are now continuing in the spirit world. This idea has been accepted by various religious traditions. For example, Catholics have always prayed for help to various saints, especially Mary, but also many others. Buddhists invoke spirit beings known as *devas*. Others refer to spirit guides and teachers.

Nature of Help and Guidance

Whether we are conscious of them or not, we all have spirit helpers that assist and guide us. This is especially true for those who are on a spiritual path. Guidance occurs through thought impressions, impulses, “inner voice”, and inspiration, as well as events and circumstances. We may feel a repeated impulse to do something, such as phoning a friend; an article idea or a poem might come into our mind ready to be written down; or we may receive a flash of insight to solve a problem that alluded solution for a long time. Not all thoughts come from beyond, but can be and are generated by our own mind. However, becoming suddenly aware of something we didn't know before may well originate from the world of spirit.

In all cases, there is always the need to evaluate thoughts, no matter what their origin, and especially carefully consider whether or not to act upon them. The Bible exhorts to test the spirits to determine whether or not they are

from God (1 John 4:1-2). In addition, we need to pray for protection from lower spirits.

The Holy Spirit

The Bible also mentions the [Holy Spirit](#), referred to as Counsellor or, in other translations, Comforter as well as the “Spirit of truth”. It is stated that this spirit will teach, remind Jesus’ disciples of his teachings, and continue to lead into truth (John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:13). The Holy Spirit is the instrument that brings the Divine Love into longing souls. It is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that spiritual understanding is possible (1 Cor. 2:9-14).

Some feel that the Holy Spirit is separate from the Spirit of truth, which they believe is a guiding spirit working on the soul and helping each person discern truth and error. I prefer the view that the Spirit of truth is a part of the Holy Spirit which imparts the Divine Love to a soul desiring to receive it. As more and more Divine Love comes into and transforms the soul, spiritual perceptions sharpen and awareness of

truth increases. Our perception of truth evolves as our soul evolves and comes into greater harmony and oneness with God. Understanding of truth is never complete for all eternity – there will always be room for learning and growth for the children of God.

Being Attuned to the Right Frequency

It is important to remain at a high level of spirituality and close to God in order to stay tuned to the right guidance. This is achieved through constant and continuous attitude of prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17) or “practicing the presence of God” to borrow a favourite expression of Brother Lawrence, whose life and counsel exemplified this. Prayer elevates our spirituality, while pride, arrogance, fear, anger, bitterness, hate, envy, and negativity in general open the soul’s doors to evil influences. Every time we feel negativity, we lower our defences, our spiritual “antivirus program” is compromised, and we may fall victim to the influence of beings, with whom we don’t want

to be in contact with. So ultimately, it is a matter of our free will and being tuned to our highly advanced spirit guides whose work is to try to ensure that their charges' spirituality stays at a high level.

Just as humans see only a tiny part of the light spectrum, while an enormous part on each side of that infinitesimal visible range exists and is unseen by us, there is a large unseen spirit world that only a few have glimpsed. The rest of us can become more aware of it by elevating our consciousness and being increasingly mindful of what is happening in our lives. We can become more attuned to the synchronicities of each day, helpful thoughts entering our mind about something we had been wondering about, or insights about dealing with a specific problem. Sometimes we witness dramatic protection when a car crash seemed inevitable but didn't happen, or when in a nasty fall, no bones were broken and we didn't even feel soreness.

Much of life really is a matter of mindfulness and perception. We can walk through life without seeing, or we can, at the soul level,

desire God's Love and truth. As we [pray for this](#) in response to that desire, we'll grow in the Divine Love and become more and more attuned to God. Our soul perceptions will become sharper, our inner eyes will open, and our awareness of our unseen spiritual helpers will grow. We will then begin to perceive their action all around us.

The Most Important Prayer

The prayer for the Divine Love would have to be the most important prayer we can pray. Consistently and diligently praying this prayer and having our souls transformed from divine image to divine substance till we experience the new birth will assure us of a wonderful future of indescribable happiness in God's Celestial Kingdom. We are also promised that if our priority is seeking the Kingdom of God by praying for the Divine Love, all our other needs will be provided. In the overall scheme of things, seeking the Love of the Father supersedes all the cares and pursuits of this life which are only temporary and of limited value.

The Father's Love is available to all for the asking, yet every person has a choice to either accept or reject the Love of God. Until they exercise their will to show their desire for the Divine Love, It will not be given. No one is ever forced to love God or to let God's Love come into his heart.

The Love of God cannot be defined, for it passes all understanding, but Its result in human souls can be seen and felt in the beauty in their countenances and their happiness. This is the Love that casts out fear (1 John 4:18), as well as replacing other low-energy feelings such as jealousy, envy and resentment.

When we start praying for the Divine Love, It begins to transform our soul from divine image into divine substance. Little by little, we start acquiring the divine nature of the Father (2 Peter 1:4), or in Bible terminology, putting on or clothing ourselves with Christ (Romans 13:14; Galatians 3:27). We become a new self or a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:21-24; Colossians 3:10), and to the extent that our souls receive and possess this Love, we become at-one with God. A soul undergoing this transformation becomes less and less subject to the dominion of the mind and the animal desires. Sin and fear decrease, because Love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). Our soul becomes a part of the Father's Soul, or, as Jesus said, we are in the Father and the Father in us (John 14:10-11; 17:11, 21-26; 1 John 2:24).

However, this transformation is gradual – we don't all at once, when we are first converted and start praying for the Love, receive It in Its fullness and acquire the divine nature (which in its fullness results in the new birth). This is the reason we need to continue praying for the Love. Its transformation of our soul is dependent on the initial condition of our soul when the Love is first received, as well as our subsequent dedication and prayer. There may be times of stagnation and apparent loss, perceived as spiritual ups and downs in our lives. However, if we continue on this path of praying for the Divine Love, transformation is always taking place and this will continue for all eternity.

Constant longing and dedicated prayer for the Love will result in us being conscious of the possession of a part of God's divinity. Despite the trials and temptations of the flesh, we'll experience increased happiness. Others will then be able to perceive presence of the Divine Love in us – even if subconsciously – and realize that it is a thing of reality. We'll be empowered to do God's will and work.

We need to continue praying for the Love in order to grow in It and eventually have our souls transformed to the extent that we'll be able to enter the Celestial Kingdom. There are no limitations to the heavenly spheres to which those possessing the Divine Love may progress, and the ever-increasing happiness that they may experience. Even Jesus continues to pray to the Father for an increase of the Divine Love in his soul – even though it may appear that there would be no greater amount for him to obtain.

Because it is not initially possible to obtain the Divine Love in Its fullness, but rather it is a gradual process of transformation, we shouldn't allow our soul longings, prayer and effort to decrease, even if we feel an abundant inflowing of the Love. This way we can look forward to unimaginable happiness and fulfillment in the Celestial Heavens (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Prayer for Divine Love

The following are example prayers for the receipt of the Divine Love. None of them have to be prayed verbatim, but they can give ideas how to approach the Father who is always happy when His children ask for His Holy Spirit which imparts the Divine Love (Luke 11:13).

It is important to be consistent and continue to pray for the Divine Love, as soul transformation doesn't happen all at once, but is a process.

“Prayer Perfect”

The prayer below contains the basic truths given to humankind by Celestial Spirits.

Our Father, who are in heaven, we recognize that You are all holy and loving and merciful, and that we are Your children, and not the subservient, sinful and depraved creatures that our false teachers would have us believe. That we are the greatest of Your creation, and the most wonderful of all Your handiworks, and the

objects of Your great soul's love and tenderest care.

That Your will is that we become at one with You, and partake of Your great Love which You have bestowed upon us through Your mercy and desire that we become, in truth, Your children, through love, and not through the sacrifice and death of any of Your creatures.

We pray that You will open up our souls to the inflowing of Your Love, and that then may come Your Holy Spirit to bring into our souls Your Love in great abundance, until our souls shall be transformed into the very essence of Yourself; and that there may come to us faith — such faith as will cause us to realize that we are truly Your children and one with You in very substance and not in image only.

Let us have such faith as will cause us to know that You are our Father, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift, and that only we, ourselves, can prevent Your love changing us from the mortal to the immortal.

Let us never cease to realize that Your Love is waiting for each and all of us, and that when we

come to You, in faith and earnest aspiration, Your Love will never be withheld from us.

Keep us in the shadow of Your Love every hour and moment of our lives, and help us to overcome all temptations of the flesh, and the influence of the powers of the evil ones, which so constantly surround us and endeavour to turn our thoughts away from You to the pleasures and allurements of this world.

We thank You for Your love and the privilege of receiving it, and we believe that You are our Father — the loving Father who smiles upon us in our weakness, and is always ready to help us and take us to Your arms of love.

We pray this with all the earnestness and longings of our souls, and trusting in Your Love, give You all the glory and honour and love that our finite souls can give. Amen.

Prayers from the Bible

Here are four personally inspiring Bible passages which are prayers of thanksgiving attributed to the apostle Paul (though the exact authorship is not important). They are quoted

from the New International Version of the Bible and are easy to read. I have bolded the parts that particularly speak to me, and have also inserted notes in brackets that parallel information in this book.

Ephesians 1:16-19:

16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. **17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that **you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** [*prayer for increased soul perceptions*] in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, **the riches of his glorious inheritance** [*Celestial Kingdom*] in the saints, **19 and his incomparably great power** [*Divine Love that transforms our souls from divine image to divine substance and mortal to immortal*] for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ...

Ephesians 3:16-21

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with **power through his Spirit in your inner being**, *[soul growth and soul perceptions through Divine Love]* **17** so that Christ *[Divine Love]* may dwell in your hearts through faith. *[Divine Love in the soul]* And I pray that you, being **rooted and established in love**, **18** may have power, together with all the saints, **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. *[all aspects of Divine Love]* **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 *[how awesome!]*, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9-11

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in

knowledge and depth of insight, [*prayer for growth in Divine Love and soul perceptions*]**10** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. [*through Divine Love transforming the soul.*]

Colossians 1:3-6, 9-14

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** because we have heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints** – **5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven** [*again, Divine Love?*] and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel **6** that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood **God's grace in all its truth**. [*Divine Love is a gift of grace*] ...

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to **fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.** *[again, soul perceptions]* **10** And we pray this in order that you may **live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way:** bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully **12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.** *[Celestial Kingdom reached through Divine Love]* **13** For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the **kingdom of the Son he loves,** *[Celestial Kingdom of which Jesus is the Master]* **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *[through praying for and receiving the Divine Love].*

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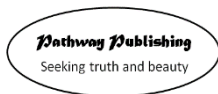
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