

PRAYER WORKS

Whether through tragedy or victory, prayer is real and it works. All prayers are answered. The answer may simply be yes, no or wait. In the rapid moving society we live in, we want the answer last Tuesday. Yet GOD has patience for us and HE always answers. This week I will share the yes, no and wait times of prayer I have been through. Hopefully you can relate. My desire is to share my temple thoughts and edify your temple ministry. Praise GOD all the time!

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

JAMES 5: 13-20

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If you would like for us to pray for you, please send your prayer request and/or praise to: nymcmom@hotmail.com.

We would like to hear from and/or have you visit us. If you are on a college campus in the NYC Metro area (NYC area, Northern NJ, Orange County NY) we could even come out to see you. We are very happy to visit college campuses and share the Word.

If you are studying in this area and would like to visit, we could make travel arrangements for you to come visit.

PEACE.

LET'S PRAY

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Often times I hear the phrase “Let’s pray”. Some use it sparingly while others use it to the other extreme. Yet it still has a nice ring to it when you need prayer. Prayer is a great way to speak to GOD from the heart and listen to GOD speak to our hearts. However, sometimes it becomes a type of “catch phrase” that becomes overused and empty.

I personally prefer a more determined approach to prayer. Whenever I hear a praise or petition I try to immediately pray. I am not an all out hear me two miles away prayer warrior. GOD listens all the time. In a still small voice I lift up the praise or petition to the Lord in a subtle and quiet manner. This has taken years of practice and I have not come close to perfecting it, yet I try.

There have been times in my walk with Christ where I have been loud in my prayer life. In public and private I have cried out to GOD for myself and for others. GOD remains the same at all times and hears my heart’s desire more clearly than the volume of my voice. ¹

What I am sharing with you this week are some examples of my prayer life over the years. Let’s begin as a child. During a Vacation Bible School my pastor asked the children if we “wanted to accept Christ as Savior” of our lives. He led us as we prayed believing that Jesus is the only way to heaven. ²

As a teenager my prayer life got very complicated. Often times I found myself praying selfishly. As I grew in the church, my prayers even got to be offensive. ³ But one night GOD got my attention as I struggled with my own salvation. I felt HIM speaking to my heart. Good thing because my brain and ego were not listening.

GOD spoke and my heart was touched and moved by the Holy Spirit to pray for a brother. We shared a bedroom and my brother had told me how he was living. He was very far from GOD. He needed what I was so selfishly guarding. He needed salva-

tion.

At that moment I began praying for my brother to be saved. I took some comfort one day as we were going home from High School baseball practice. My brother, Victor, told a guy who was married to one of our cousins that he had accepted Christ and was waiting for our church to get a new pastor before he got baptized.

Fourteen years later Victor got lung cancer and as he lay in a hospital bed, I cried out to GOD with a different prayer. I tried to negotiate with GOD asking HIM to allow me to switch places with Victor. HE spoke again and directed me to the cross. The sacrifice I thought I could make was no where near the sacrifice made by Christ. HE already died for us. ⁴ My prayer changed to praise for HIS true sacrifice and salvation.

Victor had told a deacon of the church who had come to visit “I know why your here. I’ve already done it.” The deacon still reviewed the plan of salvation with him and prayed. Victor also prayed. After this my brother Steven and I went to see Victor with Steven’s wife and my fiancée (now my wife) Sandra. As we were leaving, Victor said something that floored me. He said “You can’t leave without praying.” Steven prayed as I wept for joy thanking GOD for what I had just heard. ⁵

Later in life my prayers were and are my lifeline. When struggles appear I pray. As we celebrated our daughter Kayla’s birth we were blind-sided by the words “it could be fatal.” GOD promised us a child. My prayer became one of faith and trust knowing that GOD is faithful and she would not die. ⁶ The condition became non existent and the Lord brought us all out of that.

I was reminded several years ago about a cousin who was attacked on a Fourth of July holiday night as he was shooting off fireworks. He was maybe fourteen years old and was beaten by a grown man who was angry about the noise. Noise on July Fourth.

1 Romans 8:26

2 Psalm 69: 13

3 Luke 18:11

4 Romans 5: 6-8

5 Philemon 1:4

6 Isaiah 25:1

The beating consisted of throwing my cousin, Ricky, into a metal dumpster head first. The man then took the metal lid of the dumpster and repeatedly hit Ricky in the head with it leaving him unconscious and almost dead. The calls went out to family members to get to the hospital. As we arrived after midnight, we were informed of Ricky's near death condition. Someone said "Let's pray." We did. We prayed. Softly at times, loudly at times and we cried out to GOD Almighty. ¹

The surgeon periodically throughout the night would update us of Ricky's condition. He was confused and had no explanation for a boy could go from no hope to "needing extensive reduction in pressure in his head" to "he's going to need therapy possibly for life" to "he'll need therapy for a short while" to "he can go home in a few days".

The nurse that would accompany him would say "I'm praying for him in there and I know you're praying out here." We knew GOD was working. The next morning Ricky was going to only spend about another day in the hospital and would not need any therapy. GOD is good all the time.

What did I learn from all of this? Prayer is not easy all the time. I had doubts and frustrations. I wanted my brother to be free from the hospital bed. GOD freed him and took him home. GOD plans are perfect. ² I came to think these events and many others just made me stronger for HIS glory. ³

My dad once gave a study at the house of a couple who had been visiting his church in Ohio. During the study the wife in that home repeatedly went into the kitchen. Her name was Maria. At the end of the study Maria went into the kitchen again. When she returned, my dad realized something wasn't right. He approached Maria who had sat down on an easy chair in the living room.

When my dad asked her if she was alright, the

response he got was unexpected. A voice that came from Maria said "Leave her alone. She's mine!" Startled, my dad took a step back. Then the Lord reminded him of the study he had just given moments earlier. He spoke of the power of the Holy Spirit.

He gathered his thoughts and prayed as he confronted Maria once more. He said in a firm tone "She is not yours. She belongs to GOD!" He then invoked the name of Jesus Christ and the demon that was in Maria said to "leave her alone!" My dad asked Maria if she wanted to be delivered from this demon. She struggled to answer.

Maria tried to speak. She cried as if crying out for help. My dad "ordered everyone to pray for Maria. Again he asked Maria "In the name of Jesus Christ do you want to be free?"

"Yes!", she replied. My dad ordered the demon in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. Maria broke down and cried inconsolably. The people in the room surrounded Maria and my dad as they prayed. ⁴

My dad then took her by the hand and helped her out of the chair. They formed a circle and continued to pray. The people there reported that they felt as if they were covered by the Holy Spirit. Maria's husband said he felt as if he were being "lifted off the floor" as they prayed. Peace. ⁵

Today I reflect on these and other experiences and I find a wealth of strength and peace. GOD is real. I tell non Christians when they challenge my beliefs, "Prove to me that prayer doesn't work. I've seen it work too many times to believe otherwise." I'm still waiting.

GOD is true to HIS Word. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 14:6 (KJV) HIS grace is enough and free to us through prayer. ⁶

1 Hebrews 5:7

2 Hebrews 11:40

3 Jeremiah 29: 11

4 Acts 16: 18

5 Philippians 4: 7

6 2 Corinthians 9: 8-15

On Sunday, June 15, 2008, we celebrated "Father's Day". On behalf of the father's, we thank the church for their love, generosity and affection. We truly felt your appreciation and that will never be forgotten.

Sandra gave a touching message. The children blessed us with their singing and poetry. Our young ladies graced us with their presentations of gifts. Jose's poetic praise put the day in perspective.

The celebration was simple and gave rise to fellowship in the love of Christ. The praise, as always, put us in the right frame of mind and directed our hearts to the Father.

This truly was a joyous time of fellowship and family love. Thank you.

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MUSIC REVIEW - Triple Seven's De Triunfo en Triunfo

Released 2008. Group Rap Name: Aby and Pichie Real Name, Age(respectively): Abiel Rosado, age 32, and Edgar Díaz, age 27

Album Review:

These guys songs are mostly fast pace. The beats are hotness, real good for getting the message out without worrying if non-believers will like the beats. They have a great variety of songs to help for different situations. For example, if you want something to pump in the car, they got it. If you want to break dance or party for the Lord, they got it. They also have a salsa song and one merengue ripiao (hood merengue) for those who like some mix in their albums. One remixed song, La Carrera. As usual they feature many other artists who did their thing and added wonderful flows to the beats. I'd recommend this album definitely because, like i said, the beats are hott and they don't hold back on saying the Lord's name in their songs. Great album to give a person who's sketchy on "Christian Music", although they don't have any "plan of salvation" songs in this album, it's definitely good for opening the door to listen about what Christ can do and how much happiness He can bring into one's life.....

Song by Song description:

1. INTRO

its awsome because they take a recording from the radio station "La Mega" and incorporate it into the song, very creative. song's about who is against us when i have God with me.

2. Vivir Para Ti

slow pace song. wonderful for listening in the car with the volume all the way up, worshipin'. song's about wanting to be by God's side, walking with Him. Very uplifting.

3. Combinacion Perfecta

fast paced song. song refers to the joining of various artists but also saying to stay together in one direct is the perfect combination. awesome verse effects. oh and its like 8 and half mins long lol

4. Gozo Maravilloso

fast paced merengue song. song's about the marvelous joy God gives.

5. No Me Digas Adios

this song is awesome because not only is it different its uplifting also. song's about if you've lost someone you love (family/spouse related mostly). they say not to cry cause we will reunite in heaven, also creative taking original song by Samuel Hernandez and making it reggaeton.

6. Fenomenal!

song's pretty much about taking the gospel to nations and the joy of speading it. beat is hot, good for parties.

7. Quien Como Tu?

beat is unique. song's about who is like the Lord? although it doesn't straight out say it but if someone really listens to the lyrics they'll say, "Is he talkin about God?" song's good for chillen and car pumpin', i know.

8. Espectadores

awwwome party/car pumpin' song. flow and beat is crazy! song's about why we are different and we do what we do, we're winner and Holy (set apart) for doing His work.

9. Piensalo Dos Veces

another awesome song. creative because it takes on a person's perspective that's on the brink of suicide or truly sad but in the end finds Christ and the song's chorus flips meaning. check it out, uplifting.

10. Los Lobos

interesting song. one of the few that doesn't draw attention but the lyrics are hott. talks about protecting yourself with scripture and staying diligent because there are people (and devils) out there who wanting to "tear you up"

11. Cuidao' Con Ella

it's cool because they say watch out for her, referring to the world, to watch out cause "she'll" lead you away

12. Vivir Para Ti (salsa version)

for those who like salsa. nice job guys.

13. La Carrera

this is a remix from the song in their previous album "Contra Viento y Marea". fast paced song. song's about continuing the race and breaking barriers for God

If you would like to know what these songs sound like definitely check them out either on itunes, soundclick.com, or any other music player. More reviews to come in more genres. If you're lookin for a specific song to reach out to somebody hit me up on the cell, text, or email me. God Bless and I hope that this information will help you reach out and touch someone.....

VISITING US

If you are in the area and would like to stop in, we meet at **RVBC** located at **150 Franklin Ave Oakland, NJ 07436**. We look forward to having you visit. If you are on a college campus in northeastern New Jersey, southwestern New York or in New York City and would like to visit, we are right off of Route 287. Just get off at the **Oakland Exit (58)**.

From 287 North, make a left at the light the end of the exit ramp. Stay on your left. Go to the next light and make another left. Go past another light and at the following light, turn right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.

Coming **from 287 South**, you can make a right at the light at the end of the exit ramp. At the next light make a right, stay to your right and go up the hill. The church is on the right.

From **GWB**, take 4 East to 208 Oakland to 287 South. Then follow 287 South Directions.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=Oakland,+NJ,+United+States+of+America&sa=X&oi=map&ct=title>

Discipleship starts at 1 pm and the service generally starts at 2:05 and ends around 3:15 pm.

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WHEN WE DO STUFF..

Every Sunday @ 1 pm – Discipleship

Every Sunday @ 2 pm –

Worship Service

1st three Saturdays each month –

Youth and College Ministries

All the time – Prayer, Praise,
Supplication

Why?

Matthew 28: 18-20

Matthew 22: 36-40

Romans 15: 5-6

NYMC exists to Nurture the hearts and souls of those who seek the true GOD and Yearn for HIS Salvation, to provide the opportunity for the hearts and souls to Mature by getting Involved in the family of GOD and Cry out in praise to the one true GOD.

Nurture = Ministry

Yearn = Evangelism

Mature = Discipleship

Involved = Fellowship

Cry out = Worship

PEACE

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