

INTENSE

The Power of Prayer – Part 2

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Mark 9:14-29

“The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours; yet he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.”

James 5:16-18 (HCSB)

HOW TO PRAY WITH INTENSITY

1. I MUST PRAY WITH PRAYER.

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“The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense.” Matthew 6:7-8 (Mess)

2. I MUST PRAY WITH PERSISTENCE.

*“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.”
II Corinthians 12:8 (NIV)*

*“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened.”
Luke 11:9 (NLT)*

3. I MUST PRAY WITH DEPENDENCE.

*“After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, ‘Why couldn't we drive it out?’ He replied, ‘This kind can come out only by prayer.’”
Mark 9:28-29 (NIV)*

Attitude of Dependence: Relying on God for EVERYTHING!

“You do not have, because you do not ask God.” James 4:2 (NIV)

“This is what the LORD says: ‘Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans and turn their hearts away from the LORD.’” Jeremiah 17:5 (NLT)

*“...Not by might, not by power, but My Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.”
Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)*