

Blueprint Part 1: A House Of Prayer

*“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are **being built** into a **spiritual house**.” 1 Peter 2:4-5 NIV*

*““Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my **Father’s house**?”” Luke 2:49 NIV*

*“It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a **house of prayer**,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” Matthew 21:13 NIV*

Prayer is the **difference** between the **best I can do** and the **best God can do**.

*“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them **pray**. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to **pray** over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the **prayer offered in faith** will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.” James 5:13-15a NIV*

*“You are the God who **performs miracles**; you display your power among the peoples.” Psalms 77:14 NIV*

Prayer puts my **unknown future** in the hands of an **all-knowing God**.

*“So **do not worry**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But **seek first his kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore **do not worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:31-34 NIV*

Prayer puts my **hopeless situation** in the hands of an **all-powerful God**.

*“Even when there was **no reason for hope**, Abraham **kept hoping**—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. Abraham **never wavered in believing God’s promise**. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was **fully convinced** that God is able to do whatever he promises.” Romans 4:18-21 NLT*

Prayer puts my **broken life** in the hands of an **all-forgiving God**.

*"If they have sinned, they 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 person is powerful and effective."
James 5:15-16 NIV*

*"In **Christ**, God put the **wrong on him** who never did anything wrong, so we could **be put right** with God." 2 Corinthians 5:21 MSG*

1. Pray first.

*"Whenever you enter a house, **first say**, 'May God's peace be on this house.'" Luke 10:5 NIV/NLT*

2. Pray focused.

Pray for the **lost**.

*"Only ask, and I will give you the **nations** as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession."
Psalms 2:8 NLT*

Pray for **leaders**.

*"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the **workers** are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out **workers** into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38 NIV*

Pray for **lasting change**.

*"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house **unoccupied**, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.'" Matthew 12:43-45 NIV*

3. Pray fervently.

*"The effective, **fervent prayer** of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16 NKJV*

*"Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "**Passion** for God's house will consume me.'" John 2:17 NLT*