What Happens When We Pray?

When we pray.....

1. God responds with incredible, astonishing might
   (Jer. 33:3; cp. Acts 12:5-16)

   "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jer. 33:3)

2. Satan's forces are withdrawn from us and held in check
   (Mt. 6:13; Eph. 6:10,12,18)

   "...lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from (the) evil (one)." (Mt. 6:13)

3. God's man has power & boldness in preaching the Word
   (II Th. 3:1; cp. Eph. 6:19-20)

   "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." (II Thes. 3:1)

4. Fellow believers gain strength both Spiritually (Psalm 138:3) and Physically (Psalm 30:2,3) (Cp.Eph.3:14-19)

5. Our witness gains a Holy Spirit empowered boldness
   (Acts 4:31)

   "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

6. God brings deliverance in times of trouble
   (Psalm 34:6; 107:6; Jonah 2:1-2; Cp Acts 16:25-26)

   "This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." (Psalm 34:6)

   "Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses." (Psalm 107:6)

   "Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice."

7. Fear and worry flee from tormenting our minds
(Psalm 34:4; Phil.4:6)

"I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalm 34:4)
"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6)

8. Our faith in God & our love for God grows as we see Him answer prayer.
(Psalm 116:1)

"I love the LORD, because He hath heard my voice, and my supplications." (Psalm 116:1)

9. God gives us needed wisdom & understanding
(cp.I Kings 3:9-12)

10. The Lord sends out Gospel laborers into the "harvest fields"
(Luke 10:2)

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

11. The Lord applies a healing balm over a sick society
(II Chronicles 7:14)

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (II Chron. 7:14)

12. God's people gain peace and freedom from tyrannical, oppressive governmental leaders (Ezra 6:22; Prov.21:1; cp. I Tim 2:1-2)

"And (Israel) kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel." (Ezra 6:22)

"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." (Prov. 21:1)

13. The blind eyes of unsaved men are opened to the knowledge of the Truth
(cp. I Timothy 2:3-4)



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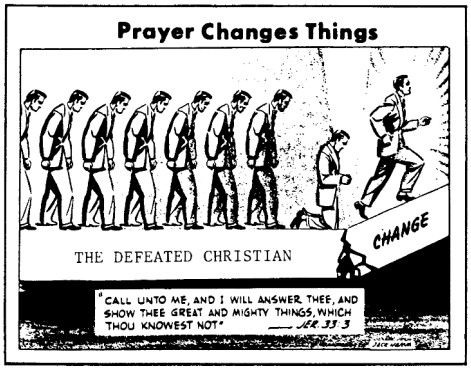
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