4 prayers that Jesus likes

**Experience God’s favor on your prayers**

**Monday**

Read Isaiah 2:22, Mark 11:22, 2 Kings 19:14-19, 2 Kings 20:1-6

* *God wants us to pray pole vaulting prayers; we are to pray past, over and beyond people and our problems and directly to God. Our prayers pole vault over limitations, danger, threats, sickness and injury.*

**Tuesday**

Read Acts 9:1-31

* *Our prayers pole vault over other’s pride and arrogance.*

**Wednesday**

Read Ephesians 1:3-13

* *This set of scriptures not only tells us many of the benefits of being ‘in Christ,’ but also tells us how we can be ‘in Christ.’ Journalize your thoughts from these scriptures.*

**Thursday**

Read Genesis 7

* *The story of Noah entering the ark paints a great picture of how and why we enter into Christ. Meditate on what the Holy Spirit shows you in this true story.*

**Friday**

Read Read Psalms 91, Romans 8:34

* *Set aside some time today to pray while you are ‘in Christ.’ Pray in Christ as He is praying for the same thing. Your ‘in’ prayers amplify the prayers Jesus is already praying.*

4 Prayers That Jesus Likes - part 2

1. Today prayers
2. May prayers
3. Pole vaulting prayers
4. In prayers

**Pole vaulting prayers**

Pray TO God OVER or PAST man

Don’t pray about the person, pray to GOD for the person

    Bad prayers:

    Help John Doe to change

    Help John Doe to get healed

    Help John Doe to not get divorced

    Help John Doe to get a job

All of these prayers are asking John to do something, or get something.

We are mentioning ‘help’ from God but these aren’t faithful prayers…they are more about what the person can’t or cannot do.

Our faith isn’t in people, it is in God.

Isaiah 2:22  Stop trusting in man who has only breath in his nostrils.  Of what account is he?

Mark 11:22 New International Version (NIV)

**22**“Have faith in God,”

So we pray to God above the person, over the person or around the person.

Our prayer pole vaults over the person and straight to God.

The person’s

unwillingness,

weakness,

deafness,

blindness,

stubbornness,

hardness,

ignorance

CANNOT stop God’s initiative.

If anything about the person weakens our faith, we are not focused enough on what God does versus the person’s receptiveness.

When we pray for people aren’t we praying that God overcomes their will, their desires, their inclinations so they become a happier, peaceful and purposeful person???

Pole-vaulting prayers ignore human limitations

Matthew 14:19 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, (pole vaulted) he gave thanks (not only for what He had but what He didn’t have) and broke the loaves (broke His limitation). Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. **20**They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

Pole-vaulting prayers obliterate eminent danger and threats

2 Kings 19:14 Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord. 15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord (he went straight to God beyond the danger): “Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.

17 “It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. 18 They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. 19 Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God.”

Pole-vaulting prayers look past sickness or injury

2 Kings 20:1 In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, 3 “Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4 Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the Lord came to him: 5 “Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord. 6 I will add fifteen years to your life.

Pole-vaulting prayers look down on someone’s stubbornness, pride or rebellion

Acts 9:10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

11 The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

13 “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

15 But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again (pride blinds, pole vault over the pride, and go straight to God) and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

**In Prayers**

Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

John 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

Genesis 7:1 The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. 2 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. 4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”

5 And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. 8 Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9 male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. 12 And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

13 On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. 14 They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. 15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. 16 The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.

17 For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. 18 The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. 19 They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. (everything you think is strong and can be trusted in) 20 The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. 21 Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. 22 Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. 23 Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him **in the ark**.

24 The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

Psalm 91

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Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High

    will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,

    my God, in whom I trust.”

Romans 8:34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

We are found in Christ, praying as he is praying and our prayers amplify Jesus’ intercession.

Don’t pray TO Christ, pray WITH Jesus.

Putting it all together:

**Romans 15:13 New International Version (NIV)**

**13**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Today]