

Throughout Scripture you will find that when believing prayer went up to God, the answer came down.

Acts 1:12-14, Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

What is Prevailing Prayer?

προσευχομαι – **proseuxomai** – **A wish towards...**

"Prevailing prayer is God's ordained means for extending His kingdom, for defeating Satan and his empire of darkness and evil, and for fulfilling God's eternal plan and bringing into effect His good will on earth." Wesley Duewel, *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*

What Hinders our Prayers?

1. Lack of _____

Matthew 17:19-20, "Why could we not drive it out?" And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith."

2. Wrong _____

James 4:3, "You ask and do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your own pleasures."

3. Simply _____

James 4:2, "You do not have because you do not ask"

Why Pray at all?

"His overarching eternal plans are unchangeable, but in working out the details, He has ordained to work in cooperation with His praying, obeying children. He adapts His working to your prayer and obedience. While He reserves the sovereign right to work independently, His normal plan is to work in cooperation with and through the prayer and obedience of His own." Wesley Duewel, *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*

This is real call to corporate prayer

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AB Simpson, *A Call to Prayer*, "There is something in unity of spirit which we may not be able to understand, but which we must recognize as a spiritual force and a divine condition of larger blessing. I may not be able to tell you why two musical notes produce a higher melody than one, but the fact is unquestioned, and four lift us to a still sublime harmony than two."