



The Gospel of

LUKE

ROMANS 8:23

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:7

...so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

PHILIPPIANS 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we
await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

JUDE 1:21

...keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

2 PETER 3:13

But according to his promise we are waiting for
new heavens and a new earth in which
righteousness dwells.

REVELATION 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

1 PETER 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...

LUKE 18:1

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

WIERSBE

it means to make prayer as natural to us as our regular breathing. Unless we are sick or smothering, we rarely think about our breathing; we just do it. Likewise with prayer—it should be the natural habit of our lives, the “atmosphere” in which we constantly live. Prayer is much more than the words of our lips; it is the desires of our hearts, and our hearts are constantly “desiring” before Him, even if we never speak a word...

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...So, to “pray without ceasing” means to have such holy desires in our hearts, in the will of God, that we are constantly in loving communion with the Father, petitioning Him for His blessing.

LUKE 18:2-5

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"

ISAIAH 5:22-23

Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine,
and valiant men in mixing strong drink who acquit
the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of
his right!

EXODUS 22:22-24

You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

LUKE 18:3

And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

SWINDOLL

The God of the Bible cannot be bribed or manipulated. He needs nothing, so we have nothing to offer that might convince Him to do what we want. And He knows our hearts, so there's no use trying to inform Him or appear worthy of His favor...He's completely sovereign, so He will not abandon His agenda to serve ours. Therefore, prayer before God is not a manipulation, but a necessary part of a relationship...

LUKE 18:7

And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

2 PETER 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

MACARTHUR

Prevailing, persistent prayer for the Lord's Return drives the heart to leave the things of this passing world and to love Christ's appearing. That should be a defining characteristic of every Christian's life.

LUKE 18:8b

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

JC RYLE

Do we ever feel a secret inclination to hurry our prayers, or shorten our prayers, or become careless about our prayers, or omit our prayers altogether? Let us be sure, when we do, that it is a direct temptation from the devil. He is trying to sap and undermine the very citadel of our souls, and to cast us down to hell. Let us resist the temptation, and cast it behind our backs. Let us resolve to pray on steadily, patiently, perseveringly, and let us never doubt that it does us good...

JC RYLE

...However long the answer may be in coming, still let us pray on. Whatever sacrifice and self-denial it may cost us, still let us pray on...Let us arm our minds with this parable, and while we live, whatever we make time for, let us make time for prayer.