

Praying in the Holy Spirit

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Romans 8:26-28 NASB

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness (*astheneia* - weakness, frailty, infirmity, weakness to bear troubles and trials, understanding); for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Our weakness in prayer:

- *To know the mind, purposes and sovereignty of God.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11 CSB (Christian Standard Bible)

11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts, but no one can discover the work God has done from beginning to end.

- *When overcome and overwhelmed with fear and grief.*

Psalm 55:4-5 NASB [Maskil of David]

4 My heart is in anguish within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

5 Fear and trembling come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

Psalm 42:5 NASB [Maskil of the sons of Korah]

5 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help (saving acts) of His presence.

Romans 8:27 NASB

27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1 John 5:14-15 NASB

14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Romans 8:28 NASB

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

"You can kill us, but you cannot hurt us." --Justin Martyr

Romans 8:35-39 NASB

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Praying in the Holy Spirit is an exercise of:

- *Faith - that the Holy Spirit truly prays for us, through us and perfectly according to God's will.*
- *Surrender - by surrendering our understanding we surrender our control and will.*

Jude 1:20-21 ESV

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

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