

Great Commission Movement of Ghana
Prayer Training Series
LESSON 2

God's Wonderful Plan for Prayer

Biblical Foundation - Romans 8:26-27

Introduction: God uses our prayers to accomplish His work in the world. This session is to help us value prayer as God does. The circle shows the Process of Prayer –God's action in human affairs.

The Father's Role

Prayer begins in God the Father – the 12 o'clock position, God the Father releases His will to the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10

- a. Romans 11:36
- b. Revelation 4:11

Three intercessors are involved in the prayer process. Read the passages and find out the role of each:

1. The Holy Spirit's Role

The Holy Spirit, at the 3 o'clock position.

- a. Romans 8:26-27
- b. John 14:12-15
- c. John 14:16-18

2. The Son's Role

The third intercessor, at the 9 o'clock position. Power for praying comes from uniting our prayers with the praying of Jesus to whom God has given all authority in heaven and earth

- a. Isaiah 53:12
- b. Romans 8:34
- c. Hebrews 7:25

3. The Believer's Role

We Christians are at the 6 o'clock position in "the Process of Prayer" diagram.

- a. Ezekiel 22:30
- b. I Thessalonians 5:16-19
- c. Ephesians 6:18
- d. Romans 8:26-27



Conclusions:

1. The Spirit entrusts His groanings to us in the form of prayer burdens.
2. Effective prayer expresses those burdens which the Spirit stirs within our hearts.
3. Fullness of the Spirit enables us to reach our highest prayer potential.

Personal Reflection

What has the Lord been saying to you during this session?

In what ways might you know when God is stirring you to pray?

Is it all right to pray to Jesus and to the Holy Spirit? What reasons do you have for your answer?

Practical Step

What prayer concept is most impressive to you? And Why?

What value can you give to prayer from now on?

Prayer Response

Holy Father, I thank you for the wonderful plan of prayer. I pray I am amazed at the cosmic range You have given to prayer. I want to make prayer my primary work in life. Strengthen me to sustain prayer for Your burdens until You lift them. Teach me persistence to follow the words of 1 Peter 5:7 and cast all my cares upon You. In Jesus' name. Amen.