

The Prayer of Faith

Overview: And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Mat 21:22

A. What is Faith?

1. Faith is.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:1

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. Heb 11:1 Amp

2. The Power Twins.

Be you not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Heb 6:12

In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their **leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence** in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises. Heb 6:12 Amp

3. Faith is believing God and His Word, trusting His promises and acting on them.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; & lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Pro 3:5,6

B. What is the Prayer of Faith (POF)?

1. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Heb 11:6a

2. God rewards those who diligently seek Him, as you are doing right now. Heb 11:6b

3. We receive everything from God through faith. Eph 2:8

4. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Jam 5:15

5. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Jam 5:15

6. The POF is asking God for something based on one of His promises and trusting Him so that you believe that it has been accomplished when you prayed. Matt 7:11

7. The POF is also known as Petition Prayer. 1 John 5:15

C. Conditions for Successfully Praying the POF.

The Foundation Scripture for the Prayer of Faith is Mark 11:24, which states, “What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them.” This Scripture says that you shall have “them” when “them” meets the following three conditions:

1. You must desire them.

2. You must pray for them.

3. You must believe that you receive them at the time when you pray.

D. Steps in Praying the POF.

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| As with everything you do before approaching a Holy God, confess your sins. | 1 John 1:9 |
| 1. Pray to your Father in Heaven. | John 16:23 |
| 2. Pray in the Name of Jesus. | Jn 14:13,14 |
| 3. Pray aloud. | Mark 11:23 |
| 4. Ask once . | Mark 11:24 |
| 5. Believe that you receive when you ask. | Matt 21:22 |
| 6. Keep thanking God with affirmations until there is a manifestation. | Tit 3:8, Heb10:23 Amp |
| 7. Tell someone what God has done for you. | Rev 12:11 |

E. The Process of Faith.

Remember that if you believe that you receive them (present tense: i.e., receive now at the time of prayer), then you shall have them in the future. This means that if you believe that you receive them spiritually when you pray, then at some future time they will manifest in the natural, where you can see them. In other words, if you accept your faith as the title deed to the manifestation of the answered prayer, then you will see that answer in the future. In fact, if you do believe that you did receive when you prayed, then you should create a Faith Action Plan.

F. What to do after Praying the POF.

A Faith Action Plan consists of one or more steps (actions or words or both) which reflect your change in behavior as a result of believing that you have already received the answer to your prayer. In other words, as best as you can, start living right now as if you can already see the manifestation of your prayer. However, at this point please do **NOT** throw away your medicines. If you are being treated by a doctor, then you must be obedient to his authority. Wait until he tells you that the medicine is no longer required.

G. How to Avoid Cancelling your Prayers.

1. Don't contradict your prayers with your words.
 - a) After praying for the removal of pain, don't take pain medication unless ordered by doctors.
 - b) After praying that tickets will be available at the concert hall, don't say, "and if there are no tickets for us, we can have dinner at the new restaurant across the street from the hall."
 - c) After praying for healing from flu symptoms, don't say, "This type of flu always takes 3 weeks to leave."
2. Don't contradict your prayers with your actions.
 - a) After praying that there will be no rain today, don't pick up your umbrella on the way out.
 - b) After praying that the pain has left your legs, don't remain sitting because of fear that the pain increases when you move.
 - c) After praying that you have been healed from cancer, don't be disobedient to the doctor by not taking your chemotherapy.

Sample Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray in the Name of Jesus for the challenge in my shoulder. I believe that Jesus died for my healing; therefore I am asking you, Father, that my shoulder be healed of all pain and stiffness.

I thank you, Father that my shoulder has been healed by the stripes of Jesus (Repetition).