



Open Heaven 26 October 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 26 October 2026 devotional for today is FERVENT PRAYERS.

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TOPIC: FERVENT PRAYERS

MEMORISE:

But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 4:29

READ: Matthew 15:22-28

And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

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There are different kinds of prayers, but often, the way people pray reveals the depth of their longing and how urgently they desire God's intervention.

Imagine a case where two critically injured people are in a hospital, and one says, "Oh, doctor, come and help me treat this wound," and then brings out his or her phone to watch cartoons. Then, the other fellow screams out, "Doctor, I am in serious pain. Help me now!" Who do you think the doctor will attend to first? Definitely, the doctor will first attend to the one who screamed out loud for help.

Many people come to God's presence casually, speaking "Queen's English", with "steeze" and composure, as the youths would say. However, some other people pray to God with their whole heart and strength, and, like Jacob in Genesis 32:26, they say, "Lord, I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

Sometimes, my friends abroad ask me why we experience so many miracles in Africa, while there are very few in the so-called civilised world. I tell them that it is simply because they believe that they have alternatives. When a person has no one else to talk to apart from God, he or she will know how to pray fervently. Also, if a fellow has an illness that has defied all forms of treatment, such a fellow will understand what it means to pray fervently.

James 5:16 says that the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous avail much. In today's Bible reading, when the Canaanite woman asked Jesus to deliver her demon-possessed daughter, she cried unto Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David." That woman was not casual about her prayers; she kept crying out to Jesus until she received a response. Likewise, in Mark 10:46-52, blind Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus with a loud voice, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." All attempts by people to shut him up proved unsuccessful, as he continued to call out to Jesus for help. Eventually, Jesus heard him, and he got his miracle.

Beloved, if anything is troubling you, cry unto God today with all your heart and soul, and He will hear you. Call upon Him with all your strength and humility, and He will grant your requests. He will, however, not listen to the prayers of a sinner who has refused to repent and forsake his or her sins (Isaiah 59:1-2).

PRAYER POINT

Father, please hear my cry and intervene in my situation as I pray fervently to You, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Luke 11-12

HYMN: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

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COMMENTARY

Today's devotional, **Fervent Prayers**, teaches us that the way we pray reveals how deeply we long for God's intervention. Casual prayers produce casual results. But when you pray with your whole heart, heaven responds.

Daddy uses a simple illustration: two critically injured patients in a hospital. One casually asks the doctor for help while scrolling on his phone. The other screams in pain. Who gets attended to first? The one who cried out with urgency.

God is not moved by polished words. He is moved by desperate, fervent, faith-filled prayers.

1. The Difference Between Casual and Fervent Prayers

Daddy notes that many people come to God's presence casually — speaking Queen's English — with composure. But others pray with their whole heart and strength, like Jacob, who said, *I will not let You go unless You bless me!* (Genesis 32:26).

The doctor attends to the one who screams for help. In the same way, God responds to those who cry out to Him with urgency and faith.

God is not looking for eloquence — He is looking for sincerity. Pray like you mean it. Pray like you need Him.

2. Why Africa Sees More Miracles

Daddy shares a conversation with friends abroad who asked why there are so many miracles in Africa but few in the so-called civilised world. He told them: it is because they believe they have alternatives. When a person has no one else to turn to but God, they learn to pray fervently.

If a person has an illness that has defied all treatment, they understand what it means to pray fervently. When you have no backup plan, no alternative, no safety net — you pray like your life depends on it. And that is when heaven opens.

3. Biblical Examples of Fervent Prayers

James 5:16 says the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much.

In Matthew 15:22-28, the Canaanite woman cried out to Jesus, *“Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David.”* She was not casual. She kept crying until she received a response. Jesus said, *“O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.”* And her daughter was healed that very hour.

In Mark 10:46-52, blind Bartimaeus cried out with a loud voice, *“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.”* People tried to shut him up, but he cried out even louder. Jesus heard him, and he received his sight.

These people did not pray polite prayers. They cried out. They refused to be silenced. They were desperate for a touch from Jesus. If you want a miracle, you must pray like you need one.

Relating This to Your Everyday Life

Are you facing something that is troubling you? A sickness, a financial burden, a broken relationship, a stubborn situation? Daddy says: cry unto God today with all your heart and soul, and He will hear you.

But there is one condition: God will not listen to the prayers of a sinner who has refused to repent and forsake their sins (Isaiah 59:1-2). If you want your prayers to be heard, your heart must be right with God.

So pray fervently. Pray with faith. Pray with urgency. And make sure your heart is clean before Him. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

Action Steps

- 1. Pray with Urgency and Sincerity** Stop praying casually. Approach God with the same desperation as the Canaanite woman and Bartimaeus. Cry out to Him with all your heart.
- 2. Persist in Prayer** Don't give up after one attempt. Keep praying. Keep knocking. Keep seeking. Persistent prayer moves the heart of God.
- 3. Ensure Your Heart Is Clean** Confess and forsake any sin in your life. God will not hear the prayer of a sinner who refuses to repent. Keep your heart right before Him.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I thank You because You hear me when I call. Thank You for being a God who answers fervent, faith-filled prayers, in Jesus' name.
2. Lord, forgive me for the times I have prayed casually and without faith. Forgive me for approaching Your throne with a cold or distracted heart, in Jesus' name.
3. Father, give me a heart of fervent prayer. Teach me to pray with urgency, sincerity, and faith, like the Canaanite woman and Bartimaeus, in Jesus' name.

4. Lord, I cry out to You today. Hear me. Answer me. Deliver me from every troubling situation in my life, in Jesusâ?? name.
5. Father, let my prayers avail much. Let the effectual, fervent prayer of my heart move heaven on my behalf, in Jesusâ?? name.
6. Lord, give me the grace to persist in prayer. Let me not give up or grow weary. Let me keep knocking until the door opens, in Jesusâ?? name.
7. Father, cleanse my heart. Remove every sin that would hinder my prayers. Let me stand before You righteous and heard, in Jesusâ?? name.

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