



Prayer for today

Dear Lord,
Teach me to submit
my heart to you
and see the things
you desire to do
within me.
Release your power
in me to transform
my heart to be
more like You.
Do a work in me
that others may see
your grace and
glorify You.
Amen

THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN

Ephesians 3:20.21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

When it comes to dreams and desires, we can often think of out-of-the-box ideas...but I love that we belong to a God who is able to do something in our life way beyond even what we could imagine! We have His power at work within us and that is the key. It is not about a list of requests we make to Him, but about the transforming power to work on the inside. We have the choice to submit to that and allow incredible things to unfold in our character and gifting...or we can keep going in our own strength and humanity and live a life much less than He has for us. Our focus can be on what we can get, and that will always have its limits and frustrations. Or, more correctly, it can be on who we can become and the extent of that is endless in God's sight.

I have realised that often when I pray, it is to do with 'the list'. Help my children, heal a friend, be with me...all great things to pray, but it can't stop there. We need to be praying for God to heal our spirit; to bring us to repentance; to give us peace through the storms; to have less of us and more of Him working within. When we begin to pray like this...His power is released. We are choosing to be submitted to His Spirit within and we are transformed in the process.

If you are praying for a difficult relationship to be healed, then pray for that once and then begin to pray constantly about your heart and your attitude - that God would do a work in you through the process. If you are praying for a friend to know Christ, then pray for that once and then begin praying constantly for your character to change in such a way that they see Him through you...see the difference? It will change your heart and also build your faith as you see God shaping and re-making you on the journey of life.

My prayer is that you know His power at work within you today and He will be glorified.

With love in Him

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Karen is the WA President for Baptist women. She is currently working for Willow Creek, USA as an Executive Director for GLS Asia. She has a husband and two children [21 and 18] and has a strong desire to see people live and minister out of a place of health and passion.



Guest Writer

Michelle Goemans

SHE IS BEAMING!



In the past month I noticed a change in a friend of mine and thought to myself, “I think she is pregnant”. She had not told anyone, yet to me it was apparent. How did I know when no one else knew at this stage (I found out she was around 8 weeks along)? As I have been thinking about that today, my only conclusion is that she was changed and there was a beam to her that was not there before as she is carrying an amazing blessing from God.

As I thought about that, it was as if God whispered that it is like that when we are ‘impregnated’ with the Holy Spirit. The power, love and grace of God beam through us and cause us to look different to a world that does not know or have the love of Christ.

The challenge to me and others would be; *how can I beam for Christ?* It may be that there is a past relationship that needs to be mended and a humility that is needed to ask for forgiveness... or that a husband needs us to extend the grace of God that has been so freely given to us. Whatever it may be, I ask that you would sit with God and ask God for a leading and guiding as to how you can change the atmosphere in your world. I can probably guarantee that there will be a sacrifice on your part, where you will have to place yourself on the altar so that God’s light can shine. Can I encourage you that the sacrifice that you make would cause God’s hand to move and to break down the schemes of the enemy. As hard as that is to do, the blessings that will come far out-weigh the sacrifice and in doing so we walk with the glory and presence of Christ Jesus alive and dwelling within us each and every day.

Today I pray that the love of Christ would invade you and be with you, that you would radiate the love of Christ to all you encounter.

With love
Michelle

Michelle is on the Pastoral staff at Whitford Church. She is married and has three beautiful children. Michelle has a passion for serving God and people.

Don't forget to send in **YOUR STORIES** to share with others. The simplest testimony can bring great encouragement to others. Just write in 250 words or less something of what God is doing in your life. Then, email it back to us to share in future editions of e-news Connect.

Events



Fresh 2010 Saturday September 18

PRAISE GOD! FRESH registrations have now hit 350 and are still coming in. It's going to be a fantastic day here in Perth, WA and you don't want to miss out. If you have not registered for this event yet, please reply for a form and join all the women who are coming together to celebrate this great event.



FOSAFIA (Friends of SA Foundation, International -Australia) aims to educate people about the devastating problem of human trafficking, and raise awareness and funds to support international programs provided by Servants Anonymous Foundation (www.safoundation.com).

One of the ways we do this, is through importation and sale of jewellery and handi-crafts, a line collectively called Global Wonders; made by Nepalese women who are engaging in SAF's Serve Nepal Skill Development and Income Generation Program.

We are going to be launching the Global Wonders line here in Perth and would love you to join us to see this wonderful product.

If you have any questions or want more info, please don't hesitate to contact either Cate or Elzette.

FOSAFIA Global Wonders Launch

When: 26th August, 2010

Where: Cornerstone Church, 3 Lago Place, Joondalup WA 6027

Time: 7:30-9pm

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