

Golfer's Serenity Prayer
Grant me the serenity
to accept the shots I miss,
the courage to try again
and the wisdom not to
throw my clubs in the lake!
—Author Unknown

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What is prayer?

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laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup>and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

<sup>4</sup>And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup>So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

—Acts 12:1-5 ESV

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# 1. Prayer sustains us in all circumstances, but prayer doesn't always answer all of our questions. (Acts 12:1-4)

## Prayer Promises For Your Circumstances

13And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. 14Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

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who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4:13-16 ESV

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... <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

—Philippians 4:6-8 ESV

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<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be soberminded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

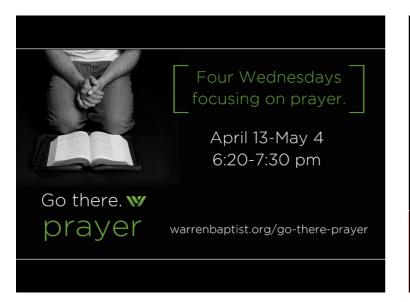
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<sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.—I Peter 5:6-9 ESV

2. Prayer invites our partnership and participation in the unfolding purposes of God. (Acts 12:5)

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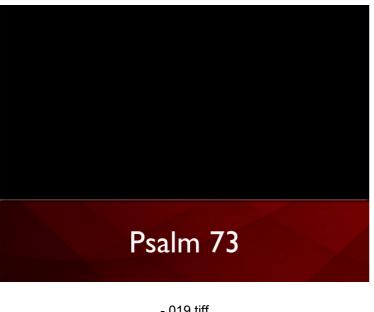
3. Prayer delivers peace even when life gives cause for panic. (Acts 12:6-10)

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4. Prayer reminds us what is impossible with men is possible with God.
(Acts 12:11-16)

5. Prayer encourages us to live in light of who God is and not who or where others are. (Acts 12:20-23)

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6. Prayer keeps us focused on mission while enduring a world filled with danger and distraction. (Acts 12:24)

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God sees. God knows. God cares for you.

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

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Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity.
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes:

We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push to the future
In strength, courage, hope and love.

-Attributed to Sir Francis Drake

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