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"PRAYER IS THE SLENDER NERVE THAT MOVES THE MUSCLE OF OMNIPOTENCE." —C.H. SPURGEON

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¹⁵FOR THIS REASON, BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS AND YOUR LOVE TOWARD ALL THE SAINTS, ¹⁶I DO NOT CEASE TO GIVE THANKS FOR YOU,

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REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS, ¹⁷THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF GLORY, MAY GIVE YOU THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND OF REVELATION

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IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, ¹⁸HAVING THE EYES OF YOUR HEARTS ENLIGHTENED, THAT YOU MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU,

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WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, ¹⁹AND WHAT IS THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TOWARD US WHO BELIEVE,

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ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF HIS GREAT MIGHT
²⁰THAT HE WORKED IN CHRIST WHEN HE RAISED HIM
FROM THE DEAD AND SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT HAND

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IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES, ²¹FAR ABOVE ALL
RULE AND AUTHORITY AND POWER AND DOMINION,
AND ABOVE EVERY NAME THAT IS NAMED,

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NOT ONLY IN THIS AGE BUT ALSO IN THE ONE TO COME.
²²AND HE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND GAVE HIM AS
HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH. —EPHESIANS 1:15-22

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I. PRAYER GIVES PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE

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¹NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR,
THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN... ²BY FAITH
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED

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BY THE WORD OF GOD, SO THAT WHAT IS SEEN WAS
NOT MADE OUT OF THINGS THAT ARE VISIBLE.
—HEBREWS 11:1, 3

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"THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COULD BE DESCRIBED AS
GETTING TO KNOW GOD BETTER DAY BY DAY."
—WILLIAM BARCLAY

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2. PRAYER PROVIDES POWER
TO OVERCOME

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• HOPE IN HARDSHIP

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• ASSURANCE OF INHERITANCE

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2. PRAYER PROVIDES POWER TO OVERCOME

• POWER IN THE PRESENT

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"POWER... WORKING... STRENGTH... MIGHT"

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3. PRAYER SHAPES PURPOSE IN OUR DAYS

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"THE CHURCH IS AN ORGANISM,
NOT AN ORGANIZATION."

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"THE CHURCH IS TO BE A TRANSFORMING POWER INDEED,
THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST WITHIN,
THE GREATEST OF ALL POWERS IN THE WORLD.

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THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE CHURCH ARE CHANGED;
APART FROM THE POWER OF CHRIST IN THEIR LIVES,
THEY DO NOT EVEN BELONG TO IT.

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THEN, HAVING BEEN CHANGED AND HAVING BECOME
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, THEY ARE TO WORK THROUGH
THE POWER OF CHRIST IN THE CHURCH TO TRANSFORM

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THE WORLD POWERFULLY. THIS VICTORY IS NOT ACHIEVED
BY ARMS. IT IS NOT ACHIEVED BY MARCHES OR BY THE
FORCE OF POWER POLITICS. IT IS THE VICTORY

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OF TRANSFORMED LIVES AS, THROUGH THE CHURCH WHICH
CHRIST FILLS, THE RULE OF CHRIST IS EXTENDED FORCEFULLY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD." —JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

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