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**On Prayer**

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Reading: 2 Chronicles 16:9

*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.*

Today I would like to speak to you about prayer.

For people leading a life of faith, prayer is very necessary. To explain how necessary prayer is, let me remind you that we cannot live even for five minutes without breathing air. For people who are alive there is nothing more important than being able to continue to breathe.

What is even more important than that is being able to understand the necessity of prayer. When we pray it is important for us to feel that God's spirit enters into us, and that He performs the works of the spirit through us.

People who pray need to have that kind of hearts that God can come into them and work through them. When the God who is within us, True Father who is within us, comes to us and speaks through us, that is when we are able to grow even more in our spirit.

People often pray so they can receive inspirations spiritually. Prayer is nourishment, like a meal that we must take every day. Prayer has to be serious. We cannot simply follow some formula and do it in a format or some kind of a ritual.

When we pray we need to focus our heart, and we cannot have thoughts that are not correct, because in prayer we are communicating with God.

For those of us who are following the path of the Unification principle it is also a way to communicate with the principle.

Whether our prayers are answered, depends on how seriously we pray. If we do, our prayers will be answered and also we will be able to see God. If we find that God is not answering our prayer we need to pray more deeply and again more deeply. We need to spend more time in prayer and offer more sincerity in our prayer.

Father said that in the beginning when he was starting on his mission, it was normal for him to pray more than twelve hours a day.

When we, in our lives of faith, experience and recognize that God and True Father are working through our prayers and are working through us to accomplish their will that is when our prayers are truly answered.

When we face a difficult situation and we pray about that situation with deep sincerity then God will open a way for us to break through that difficult situation.

Prayer can also be thought as a promise or a contract between the individual me and God. Once we sign a contract we need to keep it. As people in prayer we can call on God when we are in a difficult situation; call on him with a loud voice.

For example, when a ship is about to be shipwrecked, once it is about to break apart, even people who don't believe in God will cry out to God, "God please save me!" This illustrates that in their original mind everyone knows that God exists. In that kind of difficult situation people recognize that they need to believe in that God, and that they need to grasp that God for help.

I once met a woman named Lee Kiwon, who witnessed Father when he was praying; this is when he was 18 years old and still a student. Mrs. Lee said that when Father was praying- he was 18 years old- he was sitting at a desk and praying and so many tears flowed that afterwards it was as if

someone had spilled some water there on the desk and on the floor. When she saw that, she thought that this man would be an incredible person in the future; he was going to accomplish some incredible things.

Mrs. Lee passed on to the spiritual world. Her family buried her in a public cemetery. When Father heard this he immediately instructed us to arrange for her remains to be removed to our church's cemetery in Korea.

Father had a trinity of three senior women who prayed for him; they were the prayer women. They would pray for the things that he was doing so that difficulties could be resolved, and he would ask them to pray for things before he made decisions.

Mrs. Chi Sung Do would pray when she was making ceremonial robes or when she was preparing a particular religious ceremony. One cannot express in words how seriously she would pray. I remember that when she would pray she would say, "God I earnestly ask." When she would pronounce the word "earnest" it would take her five minutes to get through those syllables, "I earnestly ask" because that was how seriously she would pray.

So if we expect God to answer our prayers, we need to pray with the greatest sincerity and the greatest seriousness. When we pray and ask God, "God where are You? "We can hear his voice - we can actually hear his voice- saying, "I am in the core of your heart."

God is the root of our heart; He is the fundamental core of our heart, and He is with us whether in joy or in sorrow; He always desires to help us through any kind of difficulty because He is our Father.

When we pray we need to understand and realize that God is the root of our heart, the fundamental core of our heart and that is also where our True Father lies. When we are intoxicated in love with God, there is nothing that cannot be accomplished.

We used to pray in the name of True Parents; now we pray in our names, but who truly believes that God is alive and is with us, will have their prayers answered.

In 2 Chronicles 16:9 it says that *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.*

Not just half way towards Him, not just playing around, but actually those whose hearts are perfect towards Him!

Those of you who are listening to my words today at this time, right now if you begin to pray with sincerity and truthfulness, truly focusing all your heart and all your mind on God, I know that everything that you desire will be accomplished. We stand in the very precious position of being able to exercise the full authority of heaven, and if we are sincere in our prayers there is nothing that is impossible for us. Please believe this!

We will be able to experience that when we pray with complete conviction, our prayers will be answered. Father has obliterated all the barriers in the spiritual world and that is why that kind of result will come.

Father said that when he began his public mission he tested this; he said that when he started praying for something he would continue to pray for it until it was accomplished. Through prayer nothing is impossible and we just have to believe that. We will experience that difficult issues can be solved through prayer and we will come to a point when we will not be able to exist without praying.

We usually pray and then go into action, but truth is that prayer and action should go together. We pray as we are acting, as we are doing. If we do that, we will see that incredible miracles can come about. If you have never experienced the power of prayer, I hope that you will start even at this time, right now, so that you can see what an incredible mystical experience prayer is.

If you pray unceasingly, whatever you are doing throughout the day, you'll see that wonderful things happen. This will be your experience. As you are praying your spiritual eyes will be opened. When your spiritual eyes are opened, you will be led to the people that you need to witness to, and it will only be a matter of time before our church congregation grows incredibly.

No matter what difficulty you may face there will be miracles where your difficulties will be resolved. I hope that people who are listening today will become people of prayer. When you do that you will be able to accomplish everything that you wish. You just have to keep praying until it is accomplished.

Finally: Let's become like Father; let's embrace heaven and earth and let's pray for heaven and earth. Let's become people who through prayer can accomplish incredible miracles for the sake of God's providence.

Thank you very much.