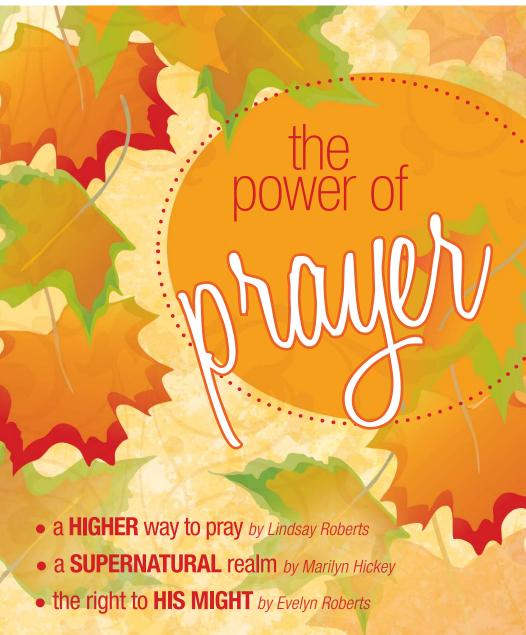
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The power of prayer

reetings, my friends in the Lord! It is my pleasure to bring you this all-new issue of *Make Your Day Count* online magazine. I want to focus your attention on a subject that is near and dear to my heart—the power of prayer. We have put together a magazine designed to energize your prayer life and renew your hope during difficult times. While many families are hurting, and people are feeling a financial squeeze, I want you to know that I believe prayer works—I believe our prayers can move mountains!

I hope you'll be encouraged as you read my article, "A Higher Way to Pray." My dear friend Marilyn Hickey challenges you to pray in the Holy Spirit every day to unlock God's wisdom and power and to bring peace into your life. And I believe "The Right to His Might," by my mother-in law Evelyn Roberts, will remind you that when you follow Jesus, He gives you His authority and the power of His Name to overcome life's toughest situations.

I want to encourage you to pray. Pray, pray, pray without ceasing! Bombard the heavens in faith believing to get your needs met. Get help, hope, and life for your family and friends. Become a supernatural overcomer by unlocking the power of prayer!

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So many times we think, I've got to pray about this problem, or I've got to pray about that situation in our own lives. And, yes, I agree with that. There's nothing wrong with praying for your own needs or the needs of your loved ones.

But I believe God was showing me that there is sometimes an additional way we can pray, because when we pray for one another according to James 5:16—when we plant that prayer as a seed of our faith—the healing can come harvested back to us.

Pray for one another, that you may be healed.

– James 5:16 NK.IV.

by Lindsay Roberts

was talking to a friend of mine not long ago who works with our ministry as a prayer partner for the Abundant Life Prayer Group. As we talked, she told me how she had always wanted to be a prayer partner.

She felt in her heart and her spirit that it was what God wanted her to do. I believe that it's a calling from God on her life. The more we talked that day, the more she told me how much praying for other people and other families has changed her own family.

When I heard that, I immediately thought, Well, of course. That's the Bible! James 5:16 NKJV tells us to pray for one another, that you may be healed.

I began to meditate on that. And the next morning, I believe the Lord began to show me things we can do to create a certain atmosphere for our prayers to be answered.

Motivated by love

A Scripture that I believe can give us great insight into the heart of God is Matthew 6:33 NKJV which says: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The word righteousness in that verse can be translated as meaning "God's way of doing and being." And we know according to Isaiah 55:9 that God's ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

When one of our daughters was going through something difficult, as a mother I was concerned about her. But as I was beginning to pray for her need, I felt God telling me to pray for those who act like enemies or those who act unkind, and I encouraged Chloe to do the the same thing, according to His Word in Matthew 5:43–45 NKJV: Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those

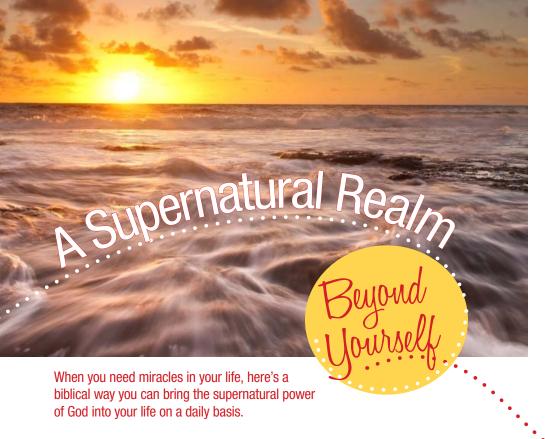
who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Then the Lord showed me that everything in His kingdom works by love. Galatians 5:6 tells us that even our faith works by love. If we cannot love the unlovely, I believe that often our prayers may be to no avail. It's just words that we're saying if our heart is not in it.

But God tells us that when we pray in love, especially for the unlovely and those who despitefully use us, He's going to call us His children. I believe that means He's going to take care of us, as He promised in Matthew 6:33 NKJV when He said, All these things you have need of shall be added to you.

So, what does God want us to pray today? I'm learning to go beyond just focusing on *myself, my family, and my loved ones.* And I'm learning that when we're getting to a place where nothing seems to be working, it's time to get out of ourselves and our own world and begin to pray kingdom prayers for others.

Every day we can say, "God, who do You want me to pray for today?" and begin seeking first the kingdom of God as we pray for His will to be manifested in this earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10). Then I believe we can expect God to call us His children and to minister back to us in the way we need it the most. **



by Marilyn Hickey

don't' know about you, but I need the supernatural power of God in my life. There are times every day when I just can't cut it on my own, in my own limited natural ability.

But how do you bring the supernatural into your life on a consistent, daily basis? I believe praying in the Spirit is a biblical way to do that. I know for me personally, praying in the Spirit takes me into a realm beyond myself—the realm of God's supernatural power.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8 NKJV, You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit

has come upon you. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost, three thousand souls were added to the Church in one day, according to Acts 2:41. A fire was lit! And in every city where the Spirit was poured out, there were miracles, signs, and wonders as people's lives were changed!

Miraculous Benefits

I believe there are many miraculous benefits to praying in the Spirit. Here are seven that I have personally experienced and believe you can too.

You can be energized as you pray in the Spirit because the Holy Spirit can give life to your natural body (Romans 8:11). I'm over 80, and I travel all over the world preaching the Gospel. I believe I have more energy now than when I was young because I pray in the Spirit every day.

Your spirit can be strengthened.

Jude 1:20 kJv says to build yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.

Once I was asked to speak at a large convention when the featured speaker became ill. I had not come

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prepared to speak, and my mind just went blank. I was so scared!

Then I began to quietly pray in

the Spirit. Soon my spirit was strengthened, and I was able to give a message to that large crowd of people without fear.

The Holy Spirit can bring things into remembrance. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will cause you to recall...everything I have told you (John 14:26 AMP). I believe He is there to help us when we need Him.

The Spirit can guide you into all truth (John 16:13). When you pray in the Spirit, I believe He can give you divine direction.

5 Praying in the Spirit can keep you in the love of God (Jude 1:20,21). Romans 5:5 NKJV says, *The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.* The Holy Spirit can help you keep a right attitude and give you more love for people.

The Holy Spirit can bring order to your life. Genesis 1:2 says that the Spirit of God hovered over the earth when it was without form and void. The Holy Spirit can bring order out of chaos.

The Holy Spirit can give you favor. Spirit-filled believers in the early church enjoyed the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:47 NIV).

I believe that praying in the Spirit in my private devotions has brought me favor with people around the world, opening previously closed doors of ministry to me. I firmly believe it's the Holy Spirit within me that has made the difference!

If you want more of God's supernatural power in your life on a daily basis, consider praying in the Spirit every day. From my own personal experience, I believe it can ignite your life for miracles! **

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QUICK & EASY recipes

TORTILLA SOUP

Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 can diced tomatoes and green chiles
- 1/2 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 can beef broth
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups tortilla strips

Directions

Boil chicken until thoroughly cooked* and let cool; cut chicken into small pieces.

Combine chicken, green chiles, onion, tomatoes, garlic, oil, chicken and beef broth, and all spices.

Simmer for one hour. For each serving, put tortilla strips on the bottom of a soup bowl; ladle soup into bowl; add cheese on top. Serves 4.

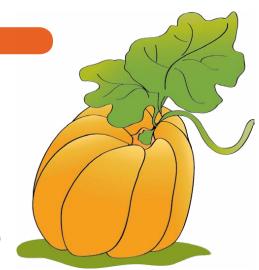
* If you have questions about storing, serving, or cooking meat or poultry, call: Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-800-535-4555, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST



EASY PUMPKIN CAKE

Ingredients

- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 cups pumpkin (canned)
- 1 cup oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cups nuts (optional)
- 1 cup chocolate chips (optional)



Directions

Mix dry ingredients (first five ingredients) together and set aside. In large mixing bowl, mix pumpkin, oil, sugar, and eggs.

Slowly add the dry ingredients, mixing well. Add nuts and chocolate chips last, if desired.

Pour into greased and floured pan. Bake at 350° oven for 50-55 minutes, or until the center tests done.

(Maple sugar can be substituted for sugar, and you can substitute applesauce for all or part of the oil.)

FOOD TIPS

- Refrigerate eggs as soon as possible and turn them occasionally to ensure freshness. Eggs can be frozen whole, whites and yokes, but not in their shells.
- 1 fresh clove garlic = 1/2 tsp. dried or powered or 1/2 tsp. bottled or minced.



Are you facing a battle today?

Is your family under attack?

Do you have sickness in your body?

In this article from my motherin-law, Evelyn Roberts, we are reminded that no matter what the devil throws at us. we can take authority over it because Jesus has given us the *Right to* His Might!

—Lindsay





by Evelyn Roberts

n the last night of His life, Jesus transferred His power to His disciples. He told them in John 16:24, "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

It's like when a businessman leaves the country and wants somebody to take care of his business while he's gone. He gives that person the power of attorney—the authority to conduct his business exactly as he would if he were there.

Jesus has given us His name to use as our "power of attorney." Everything that He is and His resources can be available to us. That means He wants us to act in His place as He would act if He were still on earth. We can take dominion over the devil and his attacks and say, "Devil, take your hands off God's property—me!"

James 4:7 tells us if we resist the devil, he will flee from us. And Philippians 2:10 кJv says, At the name of Jesus every knee should

bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

Once when I had to fly on a stormy day, I wasn't happy about having to get on a plane. But as I took my seat, I said, "Devil, you take your hands off this plane. I take dominion over you now, in the name

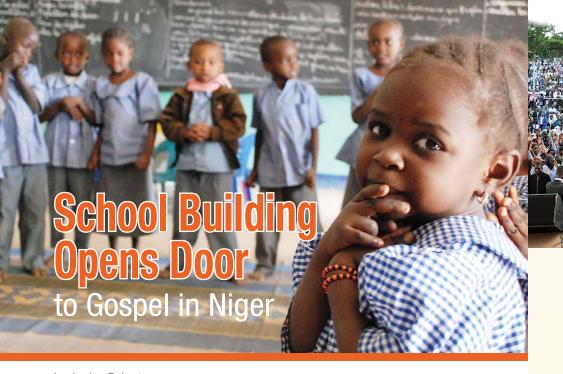
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to overcome life's toughest problems.

of Jesus. The angels are surrounding us, and the weather will not hurt us. The pilots have wisdom, and we'll make this trip safely."

We ended up having the smoothest ride imaginable!

No matter what the devil throws at you, you can take authority over it. When you use the name of Jesus, the powers of darkness are to drop to their knees, because Jesus has given you the right to his might. *



by Jordan Roberts

place in my heart! I saw *so many hungry children* there during my
father's 2007 crusade that my
vision for *Hunger Needs*

A Voice® was ignited, and I haven't been the same

since.

Fewer than half of Niger's young people receive an elementary education.

out, these precious children will lack the life skills that can help them survive in today's world! That's why the Oral Roberts Ministries has partnered with local missionaries Neal and Danette Childs to help build a school in Niger. This year, the school's first teacher will begin working with preschoolers in a rented facility until the main school building is completed.

Please consider making a gift to the Oral Roberts Ministries today to help us teach and share Jesus Christ with the children of Niger and reach out to others around the world who need our help.

To plant a seed-faith gift, go to www.oralroberts.com/seed. You can support HNAV by ordering the *Hunger Needs a Voice* bracelet at www.oralroberts.com/bookstore.*

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Through your seed-faith giving, you help us to broadcast our television programs...keep the Abundant Life Prayer Group running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week...bring food, medicine, doctors, and evangelistic materials to nations around the world...and so much more! Thousands of people are hearing God's Word, being healed, and receiving Jesus as Lord through this ministry, and we believe our Partners share in the miracles of every person this ministry touches.

With the return of Jesus growing ever closer, every moment and every dollar we spend to reach our world with the Good News of Jesus Christ is so timely!

Become a Partner today! Go to www.oralroberts.com or call 918-495-7777.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." —Matthew.25:40

email to Prayer Group

my daughter is healed of food allergies!

My nine-year-old daughter, Leah, has had problems with allergies her entire life. There were so many foods that she couldn't eat...including eggs, milk, rice, corn, wheat, peanuts, and tomatoes.

Leah's food allergies were so severe that her throat would close up when she ate. She was sick to her stomach all the time. Her diet was very restricted. She told me that she wanted only one thing for Christmas—she wanted Jesus to heal her of her food

allergies.

One day, Leah was watching The Place for Miracles, and she asked me to email Richard and Lindsay Roberts. So we emailed her prayer request to your ministry, asking for prayer and believing God for a miracle.

Not long after that, Leah had an appointment with her allergist. Before we left the house, we went to our mailbox and found a letter from your ministry saying that you were praying for Leah. We both started to cry and praise God.

At the doctor's office. Leah had several tests. The results came back negative for all food allergies! Now, Leah can eat anything she wants—including all the foods she could not eat before—and she is fine.

My little Leah received her healing from Jesus, just as she wanted! Thank you for your prayers, and God bless you.

—Brandy from Tennessee

For prayer anytime day or night, call the Abundant Life® Prayer Group at 918-495-7777.



Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 21:21-23

Then Jesus told them, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it."

Ephesians 6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Philippians 4:6-7

Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-3

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior.



What would you get if you crossed a sheriff with a canary?

A. Wyatt Chirp





While trying to explain to our five-year-old daughter how much technology had changed, my husband pointed to our brand-new computer and told her that when he was in college, a computer with the same amount of power would have been the size of a house.

Wide-eyed, our daughter asked, "How big was the mouse?"

Church Bulletin Bloopers

• The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

 For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Following in Mom's Footsteps

An acquaintance of mine who is a physician told this story about her then four-year-old daughter. On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. Be still, my heart, thought my friend. My daughter wants to follow in my footsteps! Then the child spoke into the instrument:

"Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

