



'Go again seven times'

1Kings18:41-6



## Prayer is laying hold of God's strength (Isaiah 27:5)

“Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.”

- Max Lucado

## *Pray in faith*

1Kings18:41



James5:15





## *Pray from the heights* (our position in Christ)

'And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel' 1Kings18:42;


- <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
- <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:4-6 &12)





## *Pray from the depths (of humility)*

1Kings18:42 & 2Chronicles7:14

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- <sup>42</sup> So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees
  - <sup>14</sup> if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

# *Pray with perseverance*

Luke 18:1-8; James 5:17-18

1 Kings 18:44-5



Lk 18:1-8





# What should we then pray for?

- 'Rain from heaven' - outpourings of the Holy Spirit on our church (Zech10:1; Acts1:8)
  - children & young people & their teachers
  - outreach to people outside Christ
  - Beacon outreach
  - elders & their wives; wider leadership team
- The nations – specially Ukraine, Armenia, Iran ('Ask of me': Ps2:8)
- Our king & country: for continued freedom to share the Great News – 1Tim2:1-4
- Our friends & family – Job42:10; Mk5:19 & 7:26
- Personal growth – 1Chron4:9-10 & 2Pe3:18