

Advancing in Prayer During Perilous Times

Perilous times speak of being exposed to imminent danger or risk.

Perilous times speak of a threat to survival.

Perilous times speak of difficult times that provoke fear of devastation.

Prayer is one of the responses believers should have during perilous times.

I. What are some things we need to know about prayer ?

Prayer allows us to access God.

God hears and answers our prayers.

Psalm 91:15 (TPT) says, "I will answer your cry for help every time you pray, and you will feel my presence in your time of trouble. I will deliver you and bring you honor."

We should pray out of a pure heart.

Consider *Matthew 6:5-8*

II. Why is prayer necessary during perilous times?

Prayer gets God involved in perilous times.

Hezekiah prayed for Jerusalem during perilous times. (*2 Kings 19:14-20*)

Prayer helps bring peace when we are feeling anxious about perilous times.

Philippians 4:6-7 (MSG) says, "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."

Prayer changes things.

Moses prayed that God would relent from the disaster he had spoken over His people (*Exodus 32:11-14*)

III. How do we pray effectively during perilous times?

Be persistent in prayer.

Consider *Luke 18:1-8*

Pray according to the will of God.

1 John 5:14-15 (TLB) says, “And we are sure of this, that **he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will.** ¹⁵ And if we really know he is listening when we talk to him and make our requests, then we can be sure that he will answer us.

Pray in [faith](#).

Matthew 21:21-22 (NLT) says, “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.* ²² **You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.**”

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