

Second Baptist Church of Doylestown
40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING
DAY 39 – June 14, 2017

Why Pray?

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

Can prayer really make a difference? Can my prayers actually change things? Is it possible for the will of God to be thwarted because I don't pray? These are legitimate questions. The answers you give them reflect the very foundation of your relationship with the Lord. On one hand, if God is Sovereign, He's going to do everything the way He wants, so why pray? On the other hand, if He is waiting on my prayers to execute His will, then I had better get serious about praying really quickly. How does His Sovereignty and my prayers go together?

God uses prayer to make the impossible, possible and the ordinary, extraordinary. Prayers make our efforts effective and help us to define God's will more clearly. C.H. Spurgeon said, “Whenever God determines to do a great work, He first sets His people to pray.” Faithful praying releases the Holy Spirit to act and allows us to see God in His full glory.

Someone once said, “God does things when we pray that He does not do when we do not pray.” May today's devotional be an inspiration for you to seek the Lord in prayer. Look up prayer in your Bible's concordance. Then read and study those verses it gives you. It will help you become endeared to prayer and to realize just how vital prayer is.

Prayer Focus: Thank God for hearing all the prayers that have been lifted up on our church's behalf. Thank Him for answering them. Pray that God's people at our church will pray more than ever before and that everything we do as a church will be labored over in prayer.