

# Praying by the Power of the Spirit; 9780736931748; Harvest House, 2010; 2010; Neil T. Anderson

Praying in the Spirit is an indispensable part of the Christian life that has, sometimes, generated "more heat than light." Opinions admittedly vary about the exact meaning of praying in the Spirit. There are assorted theological claims about how to "achieve" prayer in the Spirit as if the admonition is a skill to be acquired. It is not. It is a gift to be received, a life to be lived. The Scriptures are clear: Praying in the Holy Spirit is approaching the throne of grace in humble and devout intercession and supplication entirely on God's terms, not ours. Or, as one older Christian author, J. I. Packer says, "We don't have this book yet. You can add it to our Lending Library with a \$22.34 tax deductible donation. [Learn More.](#) Want to Read. [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#). Check nearby libraries. [Library.link](#). [WorldCat](#). Praying the Spirit is praying secure in your position as an heir of God. In Matthew 6:5-8, Jesus describes religious hypocrites who prayed in public places to be seen by other people, rather than praying in the Spirit before God. He talks about the pagans who pray also, but in a ritualistic way with specific, repeated words. Jesus told his disciples to pray differently, being confident that God sees them and knows what they need even before they ask. "Only inasmuch as you know that God is your Father can you pray with intimacy rather than with religious ritual." This article is part of Christianity.com's prayer answers including famous, topical prayers and information about the power of prayer. Find more related articles in the collection of prayers below [My prayer life turned the corner one evening when I was teaching a series of lessons on prayer to a group of college students. I was basing my messages on an old book about prayer. The last chapter was entitled "How to Pray in the Spirit."](#) I read the first half of the book and thought it was theologically sound. I felt spiritually bankrupt. If you have never been in such a spiritual state, then let me say that those times have the potential of being great moments with God! I had all but given up trying to prepare a talk on how to pray by the Spirit and given in to plan B...which was to show a movie I had saved for such moments. Then came Jesus! It was approaching midnight when the Lord began to direct my thoughts.