

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

PRAYING WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

ROMANS 15:30–33



The Heart of the Matter

For many, the subject of prayer is about as exciting as changing a flat tire. For others, it's more like the sign we see near a fire escape: *For Emergency Use Only!* Or it's something we finally decide to do when all else has failed. But prayer—prayer that is effective, powerful, and carried out as Scripture instructs us—is one of the most powerful instruments (and sometimes, *weapons*) available to God's people. Through prayer, we conquer the strongest foes we face, including our archenemy the Devil and his demonic host. In these few verses at the end of Romans 15, we will discover yet again the importance of praying with our whole hearts.



Discovering the Way

1. A Pathetic Example of Prayer (Acts 12:1–16)

Though the believers prayed for Peter's release from prison, they did not believe it was him when God saw fit to orchestrate Peter's release. We must remember: prayer makes a difference!

2. An Urgent Appeal to Pray (Romans 15:30–33)

Prayer requires four things: an awareness of the need, a willingness to get involved, a precision in our requests, and a restfulness in God's will.

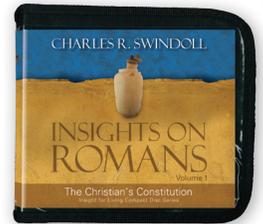


Starting Your Journey

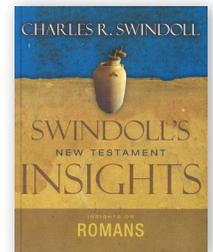
When you pray, remember that prayer deserves top priority, it is essential, and it is the ideal source of tranquility and a quiet spirit.



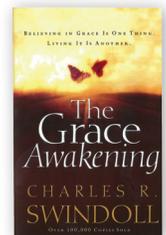
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