

Life Is Hard, God Helps
Battle Prayers
Part 2

Encouragement = To put courage in. In-Courage

God answers prayers that are prayed in line with God's word
and God's character, revealed in God's Son, Jesus.

Powerful Prayers

I Ask God For _____

The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat ... So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites.

Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help... Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, ... Gideon ... was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

*"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." **Judges 6:13-17***

*Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised, prove it to me in this way. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel as you promised." And that is just what happened. When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water. Then Gideon said to God, "Please don't be angry with me, but let me make one more request. Let me use the fleece for one more test. This time let the fleece remain dry while the ground around it is wet with dew." So that night God did as Gideon asked. The fleece was dry in the morning, but the ground was covered with dew. **Judges 6:36-40***

The wise are cautious ... fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence. Proverbs 14:16

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their quiet confidence. Jeremiah 17:7

I Ask God For _____

God, help me see my circumstances and the people around me, as you do!

Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored and he could see everything clearly. Mark 8:25

God is not a God of confusion but of peace. 1 Corinthians 14:33

I Ask God For _____

God, protect me for I am devoted to you. Save me for I serve you and trust you. You are my God. Psalm 86:2

God's way is perfect ... He is a shield for all who look to Him for protection. Psalm 18:3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my savior; my God is my rock in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. Psalm 18:2

I Ask God For _____

He has shown His kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your heart with joy. Acts 14:17

I have been young and now am old yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging for bread. Psalm 37:25

I Offer God My _____

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." And He went a little beyond them and fell

on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.

"My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." **Matthew 26:36-42**

God, here's what I want but nevertheless not my will but yours be done!