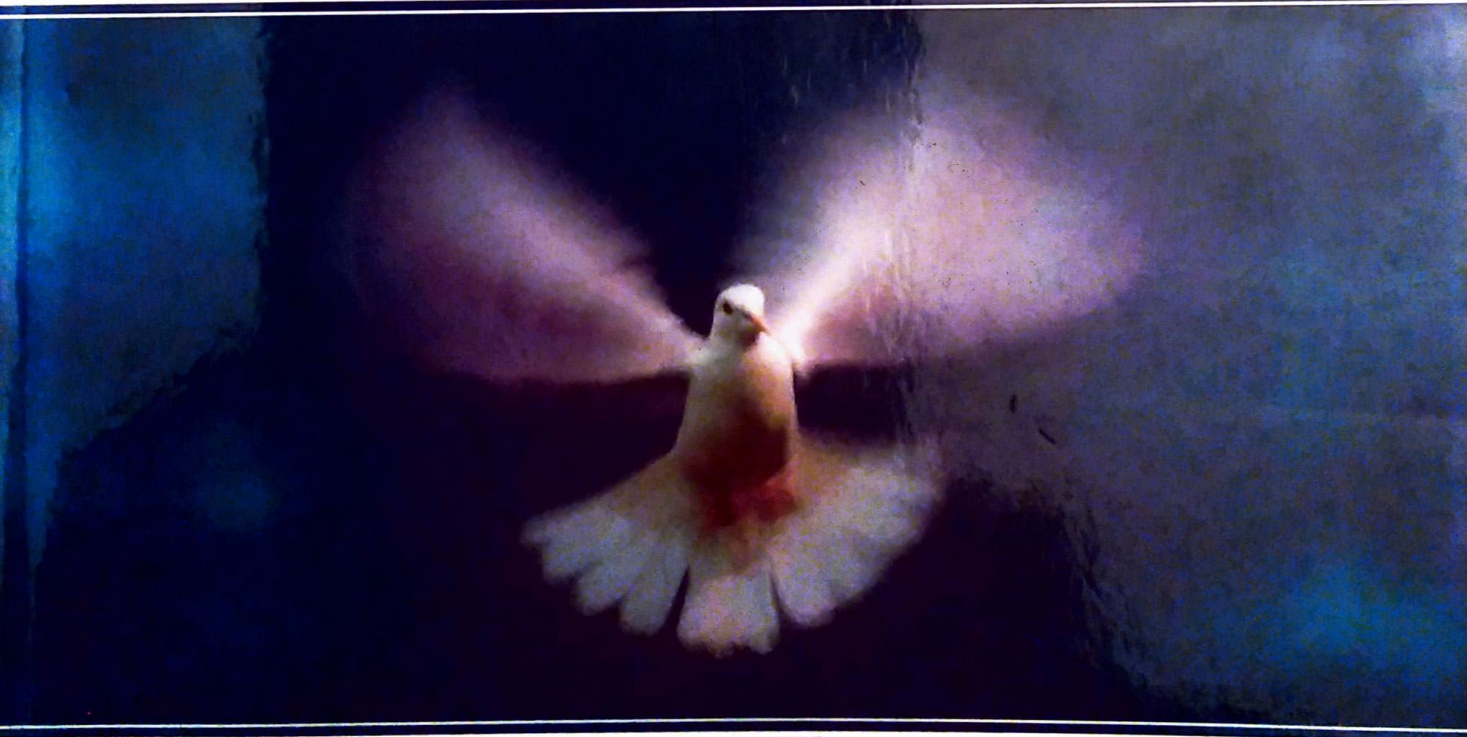


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How You Can Be Led by the

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time and another way another time. We may not always know why He's leading us to pray a certain way.

The important thing is to follow the leading of the Spirit. He'll show you the best way to pray concerning your situation. Look to Him to lead you in how to pray in every instance. He'll lead you in the right direction.

## Why Do We Need to Pray?

Some people may ask why we need to pray. They may be thinking, "God already knows everything. Doesn't God already know what I need?" Yes, He does know. But you still need to pray. Let me explain why.

At the time of Creation, God made the world and the fullness thereof, the silver, the gold, the cattle on a thousand hills, and everything that's here on earth. Then He made His man, Adam. And God said, "Adam, I give you dominion over all the work of My hands." Adam had dominion over the whole world (Gen. 1:26–28).

But Adam committed high treason. He sold out to Satan. And the Word of God tells us in Second Corinthians 4:4 that Satan is the god of this world. How did he get to be the god of this world? When Adam committed high treason, he gave his dominion to Satan. Satan is dominating in this world because Adam sold out.

Thank God, Jesus came and restored us to dominance. Why, then, do we need to pray? I'll give you three references that at least imply our need to pray.

In Matthew chapter 6, verses 5 through 15, Jesus is teaching on the subject of prayer. Look at what He said in verse 8:



**MATTHEW 6:8**

**8** . . . your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Well, if your Heavenly Father knows what you need, why doesn't He just send it? Why would you have to ask Him? Verse 8 makes it clear that Jesus expects us to ask the Father for what we need. This scripture implies that God will not send what you need unless you *do* ask Him.

Now look at Matthew chapter 9. Here, again, Jesus is giving instructions on the subject of prayer.

**MATTHEW 9:35-38**

**35** And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**36** But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

**37** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

**38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

I want to ask you a question. Who does the harvest belong to? Is it God's harvest? Yes! Is He the Lord of the harvest? Yes! Does He want laborers? Yes!

If He wants laborers, why doesn't He send them? What need would there be for us to ask Him if He wants to send them anyway? Yet Jesus

clearly tells us that we are to pray to the Father to send laborers. This scripture implies that God will not send them unless we ask Him.

Now, look at these verses from Matthew chapter 18.

**MATTHEW 18:18-19**

**18** Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind ON EARTH shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose ON EARTH shall be loosed in heaven.

**19** Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree ON EARTH as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Notice that Jesus is telling us to do something here on earth. He's telling us to pray. You see, something has to happen on earth before Heaven moves. Verse 19 tells us what has to happen on earth: "If two of you on earth shall agree as touching anything they ASK." They have to ask! They have to pray!