

## Persistence in Prayer

Persistence in Prayer in general means keeps praying. But in particular it means “don’t just ask once”.

In Bible we see many examples of Persistence like Jesus in Mt 26:36-39, persistently prayers to the Father in Heaven to remove the cup of suffering from him. Another example, in Acts 12: 5, 12 we see, when Peter is imprisoned, all believers constantly prayer for him. One more example is of Apostle Paul when he prayers persistently prayer for his ailment to be healed in 2 Corinthians 12: 7

Persistence in prayer will not ensure God answers in the way we desire. For example Jesus still had to drink the cup of suffering by going to the cross. Paul still had to bear his thorn in flesh by enduring persecution for Christ. Though for Apostle Peter we see that God sends his angel and miraculously leads him from prison.

Yet persistence in prayer is a key to receiving answers we need. It helps us receive Grace and mercy to help in time of need, strength to endure whatever it is we must face and to understand why the answer to our prayer was a “Yes” or a “No”.

Ephesians 6: 10-18, talks about how a person should put on the whole armor of God. It says that we should embrace the truth of the Gospel. Do that which is righteous in the sight of the Lord. Memorize the Gospel and the Bible so that it is ready at a moment’s notice. And finally let your faith grow as you grow closer to Jesus and you continue to learn. We are nothing without Salvation and the Sword of spirit is the greatest weapon because it goes before you and after and protects us from all sides if we need heed the still small voice.

And so, through persistence in prayer, let us ask, seek, knock, as the Bible says in Mt 7:7-8, until God provides the answer to our prayers, giving whatever He graciously determines we really need!!