

## Blessings in the House

# One Heart in Prayer

A weekly devotional message for the family

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*“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” (Mt.18:19).*

When the church is united as one, and they are praying in unity, then great things can and will happen. When we look into the Word, we see examples in both the Old Testament and the New Testament of the great effects of united prayer. Being one in prayer brings the presence and power of the Lord. Through this type of praying, we will see miracles, the power of the Lord in our services in a mighty way, an outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and the hand of the Lord upon us for protection and salvation.

## Outpouring of the Holy Ghost

When the disciples were united in prayer, The Lord poured out the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon them. *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*(2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).*

## Miracles and Salvation

When the first church was united in prayer, there were many miracles, and many people received salvation. *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (43) And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. (44) And all that believed were together, and had all things common; (45) And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. (46) And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, (47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:42-47).*

## Great Grace and Power

When the church was united in prayer, then they received great grace and power from the Lord.

*“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is. (31) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. (32) And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said*

any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. (33) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:24, 31-33).

## Greater Revelation of the Lord

When we are united as one heart in prayer, then we will be able to understand the Lord in a greater way.

*"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (3) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col 2:2-3).*

## Protection and Help

### King Jehoshaphat

In the year 896 BC, three nations threatened to invade the lands of King Jehoshaphat. First the King proclaimed a time to seek the Lord with united prayer and fasting. *"And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord" (II Chr. 20:18).* Instead of sending his army out to do battle, he and his people prayed for deliverance. In the end, the Lord delivered King Jehoshaphat and his people from the armies of the three nations.

### The Apostle Peter

Shortly after James was killed for preaching the gospel, the apostle Peter was arrested and put in prison. The church was afraid that Peter was also going to be killed; so, they began to gather together and pray. As the church was praying, God sent an angel to go and deliver Peter from the prison. *"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. (6) And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. (7) And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands" (Acts 12:5-7).*

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We serve a mighty God. He is Omnipresent and Omnipotent. He is here listening to our prayers.

With unity and united prayers, we will see the glory and the power of the Lord with us. We will see answers to our prayers.

*"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil 2:2).* The desire of the Lord is for His people to be united and praying. When we do this, we shall see great things from the Lord.