

Effective Prayer

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I will more precisely explain why I do not like this particular prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

<http://www.easwaran.org/the-prayer-of-st-francis.html> 1) Because the LORD has taught me personally through many hard lessons to speak to the heart of the matter precisely. meaning prayers like "help me" need to be changed into prayers like "transform me and all your people into that which You intended us to be from the Beginning" or "Move upon me and all Your Creation to Accomplish Your Holy Will.", "Create in Me Your Virtues, Fill me to Overflowing with Your Virtues and Holy Presence; so much so it floods all Your Creation." "Perfect me and all who trust in You, According to Your Holy Will and Word." "Let it be fulfilled that ALL will KNOW YOU to our Everlasting Joy." Amen; recognizing the Omnipotence of our Creator and the fact that which is imperfect cannot perfect itself... we are totally and completely the workmanship of our Creator and it is necessary to place ourselves in His Care and Power Completely. 2) The prayer does NOTHING to affect anyone but the self. where there is hatred... nowhere in the prayer does the one making such request do away with hatred, etc. in other words the prayer leaves the one praying ever in the midst of hatred, injury, and doubt. just bringing the antithesis into the midst of all such negativity, does not mean anyone or anything is affected but the selfish interest of the one praying to bring good things in an ever present environment of bad things. (generally speaking) GOD taught me to be VERY SPECIFIC about WHAT YOU ARE REALLY HOPING TO ACHIEVE. I can infer; though it is not stated, that Francis HOPED thereby to CHANGE such environments of hatred, injury, doubt and darkness FOR THE BETTER. And all I am saying is pray for the END RESULT HOPED FOR, instead of your presumption of how to achieve it! Pray that the world be filled with LOVE and that hatred of GOD and what is good ceases worldwide. Pray that GOD transforms us all so there are no more offenses and injuries. Pray that the KNOWLEDGE OF GOD is with every man, woman and child; so there is no more doubt. Pray that all the sin and vices be removed from the world, every man, woman and child so that sadness, suffering, tribulation and sorrow ceases. But to pray such things as where there is hatred, sadness, doubt, injury, etc... would be to effectively say let me abide in the midst of such terrible things. it is not a well worded prayer; it does not have a specific agenda as stated other than self edification in the midst of torments listed.

I UNDERSTAND the heart of the issue, the INTENT, and all I am saying is GOD taught me to CHOOSE my words VERY CAREFULLY and THOUGHTFULLY such that the words of prayer conveys the INTENT as precisely as possible. The man wants to comfort those who suffer, it is a good intention; he hopes to affect for the better all those related situations. Instead of praying for what he thinks will better such situations and conditions, he should pray for the END RESULT of what he is hoping to achieve and let GOD choose the method(s) of accomplishing it. i.e. "Father in Heaven, Thy Will be Done." "Father in Heaven, Comfort all who suffer and transform us all and Your Creation so that suffering ceases altogether." "Father remove doubt and every vice from every man, woman and child and instead fill us

all with Your Virtues." "Father, Your Kingdom Come in All its Glory!!!!!!!!!" "Father, let all lies and deceptions cease permanently from among mankind now. Let it now come to pass that which is written that all will know You!!!!!!!!!" etc. Pray for our GOAL, our end hope, and then place yourself in His hands; "Your will be done in my life, mold me and make me into that which pleases you entirely now and forever." Prayers stated as precisely as possible; not just for self, but for all creation and what our ultimate hopes and desires are and let GOD bring it to pass.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv16YUTCp9U>

<http://biblehub.com/isaiah/64-8.htm>

Prayer for Illustration of God's Power...7There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities. 8But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand. 9Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Behold, look now, all of us are Your people.

I can only tell you what happened to me personally. On September 29, 1988 our Living LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ONE TRUE GOD of ALL CREATION, appeared to me and removed all doubt from me. It was then I fell prostrate and prayed "LORD FORGIVE ME OF MY IGNORANCE! I did not even realize YOU existed! How can I know then what to pray or ask for? TEACH ME GOD WHAT I SHOULD PRAY, TEACH ME WHAT TO ASK FOR, INSPIRE IN ME YOUR HOLY WILL SO THAT I PRAY ACCORDINGLY." And from that moment forward Divinely Inspired Prayers filled my thoughts. So I, with a clear conscience, ask all souls to do the same. LET GOD TEACH YOU PERSONALLY WHAT HE WISHES TO BRING ABOUT IN HIS CREATION AND LEARN TO LISTEN TO HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO VOCALIZE THE WILL OF OUR ETERNAL CREATOR. Learn to pray for the desired goal; SAY what you INTEND as a result of your prayer! Ask for what END RESULT you hope to accomplish and LET THE ONE WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR ABOVE ALL THAT WE CAN EVER IMAGINE OR ASK FOR ACCOMPLISH IT IN HIS GOOD WAY AND CHOOSING AND TIMING. Pray not in ways to imply or suggest such that others must infer your intentions but learn to vocalize or write specifically what you really intend or hope will come to pass, rather than praying for the METHOD of what you THINK is necessary to bring such goal to pass.

<http://biblehub.com/ephesians/3-20.htm>

Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians...19and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. 20Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond

all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Francis, if taken literally; rather than the intent of his heart (which I infer to mean he hoped by bringing virtues to alleviate such conditions and improve them) would have ever been in the midst of hatred, injury, sadness, darkness etc. God is merciful so He often does not answer literal requests but rather the intents of the heart; BUT IN DEALING WITH ME, REPEATEDLY over decades, He has taught me to choose my words in prayer very carefully. I hope others will not misunderstand my intentions or thoughts on this subject now.

If you really want to learn how to pray effectively, YOU SHOULD ASK GOD TO TEACH YOU HOW AND WHAT TO PRAY. And also study in His Word about the subject. Here is a short note on some of the more obvious things in His Word on prayer.

<http://www.godempowersyou.com/documentation/HistoricalTestimonyandMinistry/EffectualPrayer.pdf>

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/spiritual-warfare/624360447642918>