

“James: Authentic Christianity (13-2) – The Power of Prayer” (5:13-20)

Do you Believe in the Power of Prayer? Do you Desire to be Effective in Praying?

**James starts with Encouraging Believers to Pray (1:5),
and ends with Exhorting Believers to Pray... Pray, Prayed or Prayer – _____ (5:13-20)**

Previous Message (5:13-16): Suffering Believers... Pray, Examine and Confess

Today: Pray for our _____, and Pray for Believers who have _____ from the Truth

I. Prayer for the Nation (5:16b–18): The example of Elijah (1 Kings 17–18)

A. The Effective Prayers of Elijah: _____ of Israel to Faith in Jehovah

B. Pray for America... Like Elijah: Characteristics of Powerful and Effective Prayers

1. Pray in _____ based on the Word of God

2. Pray in _____ (vv 17-18)

No Spiritual Elite in Prayer: God will Answer Earnest Prayers

Pray that God will bring Conviction, Revival, and for “Showers of Blessing” on America

II. Prayer for the Straying Brothers (5:19–20): Recover and Restore

A. Drifting Away from the Truth is a _____

**1. Personally... Death (v 20): A State of _____ – Separation from
God’s Presence, or _____ Physical Death**

2. In the Church... Lead other Believers Astray

3. Outside of the Church... _____ to the Non-Believers

B. How to Restore

1. Foster an Authentic Community where all can feel _____

2. _____ Pray for the Strayed Believer

3. Seek practical ways to Recover the Strayed Believer

**Authentic _____ helps the Offender to deal his Sins,
and “Covers Over a Multitude of Sins” (Prov 10:12)**

Prayer ministry is a _____ :

Pray for the Suffering, the Weak/Sick, our Nation and the Strayed Believers!

**A Church full of Praying, Spiritually Mature Believers
is the Best Testimony of the Authenticity of Christianity**

Reflection: Are you Growing in Spiritual Maturity?

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I. Prayer for the Nation (5:16b–18): The example of Elijah (1 Kings 17–18)

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1. Pray in Faith based on the Word of God

2. Pray in Persistence (vv 17-18)

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II. Prayer for the Straying Brothers (5:19–20): Recover and Restore

A. Drifting Away from the Truth is a Serious Offence

1. Personally... Death (v 20): A State of Spiritual Darkness – Separation from God’s Presence, or Pre-mature Physical Death

2. In the Church... Lead other Believers Astray

3. Outside of the Church... Stumbling Block to the Non-Believers

B. How to Restore

1. Foster an Authentic Community where all can feel Safe

2. Persistently Pray for the Strayed Believer

3. Seek practical ways to Recover the Strayed Believer

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