

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD, NEW LIFE PARISH DELFT, AREA 1, PROVINCE 2

TOPIC: Effective Prayer (RCCG Sunday School Student Manual 25 October 2026)

MEMORY VERSE: The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. – Proverbs 15:29 (KJV)

BIBLE PASSAGE: James 5:16-18 (KJV) 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

INTRODUCTION: To be effective means to be successful in producing a desired result. Prayer is the act of communicating with God through words, thoughts, or actions to express thanks, praise, requests, confessions, etc. Effectively, prayer therefore means to communicate prayer to God what is intended and get the anticipated result. It is powerful (James 5:16b) and centred on God's will (Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14).

THE KEYS AND HINDRANCES

Some of the keys to praying effectively are listed below.

Uprightness: God delights in the prayers of the upright, that is, one who is saved and righteous (Proverbs 15:8). God's Word: Effective prayer involves praying the word of God (John 15:7). Obedience: Obeying divine instructions and taking faith-based actions are keys to praying effectively (1 Kings 17:8-14; Luke 17:11-14). A Heart of Love: Prayer from a heart that is rooted in love avails much (Matthew 8:5-8, 13). It is difficult to pray for others if it is not coming from the place of love (Matthew 5:44-46). Persistence: Praying ceaselessly and maintaining a right relationship with God can remove hindrances to effective prayer (John 16:23-24). Some of the hindrances to effective prayer include disobedience (Proverbs 28:9), wrong motives (James 4:3), lack of faith or doubt (Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-7), unforgiving attitudes (Mark 11:25; Proverbs 21:13).

2. THE KINDS

Prayer of Faith: This is a powerful kind of prayer rooted in deep confidence that God hears and answers prayer (Mark 9:24). It is also based on the demand of your rights and privileges in Christ (John 14:12-14; James 5:15). It involves applying your knowledge of God to get results through prayer (Hebrews 11:6). Prayer of Consecration: This is a prayer to be set apart or dedicated for a holy cause (John 17:17-19). It involves presenting your whole self, your mind, body, and will to God's plans (Leviticus 20:7). Prayer of consecration is not a one-time event but must be life-long, demonstrating a willingness to continuously yield to God's will, like Jesus did (Luke 22:42). Believers are called to offer themselves as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Prayer of Intercession: This is standing in the gap on behalf of others to change a situation or course of events (Exodus 32:11-14). In His final prayer, Jesus prayed to the Father not only for His disciples but also for the unity of all future believers (John 17:18-21). The Holy Spirit intercedes for believers, helping us in our weakness when we do not know how to pray (Romans 8:26-27). Hebrews 7:25 emphasises that Christ, our High Priest, continually makes intercession for our ultimate salvation. Prayer of Supplication: Supplication involves approaching God with a plea for help or to make requests, rather than making demands (Philippians 4:6-7). Believers approach God's throne of grace with confidence to receive mercy and help in times of need (Hebrews 4:16). Supplication is seen as a vital

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part of a Christian's spiritual walk (Ephesians 6:18). It should be accompanied with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6). Supplications can be made for oneself (Philippians 4:6); other Saints (James 5:16);

CONCLUSION: You too can pray and get



kinds of prayers that you know.

The Lord will perfect that which concerns me

Anchor Text: Psalm 138:8 (NKJV) "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Page 4
endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands."

This statement by King David is one of the most comforting things in the Bible. Not just a wish, it's a statement of faith in God's power and faithfulness. Here is a short explanation of what it means for God to "perfect" what worries you.

The Architect is Dedicated (God's Initiative) The first word of the verse is "The Lord." It is not your strength, wisdom, or ability that makes you responsible for finishing. It is up to God. God is in charge of the life He made, just like a builder is in charge of the work he does. Philippians 1:6: "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Hebrews 12:2: He is the "author and finisher of our faith." If He started it, He intends to finish it.

The Meaning of "Perfect" (God's Way). The Hebrew word gamar, which means to bring to an end, to complete, to accomplish, or to perform, is the root of the word that is translated as "perfect" (or "vindicate" in some translations). It doesn't mean that life will be problem-free; it means that God will make sure that His plans for your life come true. He is working to help you grow spiritually and reach your destiny. Psalm 57:2: "I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me." Job 23:14: "For He performs what is appointed for me, And many such things are with Him."

The Scope is Broad ("Everything That Matters to Me") God cares about more than just your spiritual life; He cares about everything that matters to you. This includes your family, your health, your job, your worries, and your hopes. If it bothers you, He will pay attention to it. 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." Matthew 6:31-32: Jesus tells us that God knows we need food, clothes, and a place to live. He pays attention to the little things that is He is attentive to the details.

The Guarantee is His Mercy ("Your Mercy Endures Forever") David asks God for mercy (Hesed—covenant love) instead of his own rightness. We can trust God to make our lives better, not because we are perfect, but because His mercy is never-ending. His mercy keeps His plan for us on track, even when we mess up. Lamentations 3:22-23: "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not." 2 Timothy 2:13: "If we are faithful, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." In summary, when you say "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me," you are giving up your role as "General Manager" of the universe and putting your faith in the true Sovereign. It's nice to know that even though you might have unfinished chapters today, the Author has already written a happy ending.

Church Programs

Sundays (Sunday School – 9am to 9:45am Celebration Service – 9:45am to 11:30am)

Tuesdays (Digging deep – 6pm to 7pm)

Thursdays (Faith Clinic (Prayers and Deliverance) – 6pm to 7pm)

Every First day of the month: (7am-8am Early morning encounter)

Every Third Friday of the month (Parish Vigil 10pm)

Every First Tuesdays (Parish monthly Praise encounter 6pm)

PROPHECIES FOR 2026 BY PASTOR E. A. ADEBOYE (Year of new beginnings)

GENERAL:1. Daddy says 2026 will be more remarkable than 2025 2. Daddy says that the wind that has been blowing since 2024 will continue to blow more strongly than before. 3. Daddy said there will be more opportunities this year than last year - more breakthroughs, more successes, more victories and less failures. 4. Daddy says a lot of testimonies this year will begin with, "God remembered me at last!"

For Redeemers: 1. Come clean before exposure 2. Backsliders will be returning 3. Answers will come after many years of prayers 4. Many people will hear the call of God and will answer 5. We will have many opportunities and God will enable us to enjoy many of them 6. It will be a great year of revival for individuals and church. 7. There some ministers in this year that will begin to shine

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MEMORISE: In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. – Proverbs 3:6 (KJV)

READ: Psalm 118:5-14 (KJV)

5 I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. 6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? 7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. 8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. 10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them. 11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. 12 They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. 13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me. 14 The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

Open Heaven For Today 2026 MESSAGE

I recall a time when my father was sitting in an armchair in front of the house, taking in the fresh air. I was also outside, playing football. Suddenly, I kicked the ball high, and it landed on the roof of the house. The roof of the house was thatched, so when the ball landed, it just stayed there. I then went to get a long stick to dislodge the ball from the roof. However, each time I tried to bring the ball down, it kept moving back, and I couldn't see it because I was still a young boy with a small stature. After going at it for a while, I got tired. Then, I went to my father and said, "Daddy, please help me; my ball is on the roof." My father then said, "You saw me sitting here, but you thought you could do it on your own". Then, he got up and, in one attempt, he brought the ball down.

Beloved, if you do things your own way, God will not interfere in your matters. He doesn't force Himself on people; He only helps those who genuinely need His help and ask for it.

The popular saying that heaven helps those who help themselves doesn't apply to God. It is a worldly slogan because God only helps those who are genuinely in need and humbly approach Him for help. Psalm 34:6 says:

"This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

Someone who is poor is genuinely in need of something. Such a person acknowledges God as the only One who can help him or her. In Revelation 3:14-17, the Lord scolded the Laodicean church for calling themselves rich when, indeed, they were poor, wretched, and blind. Those who think they can do it all by themselves are living in deceit. God will fold His arms and watch them struggle, and until they cry to Him for help, they will keep running around in circles. When babies stretch out their arms, it means that they are ready to be carried.

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Beloved, open your arms wide today, and let God carry you. Involve Him in all you do so that you will not struggle to do the things He can help you do with ease.

PRAYER POINT Dear Lord, please take control of every area of my life and grant me ease in all that I do.

Congregational Hymn- My faith looks up to Thee

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1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.

2 May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray

from Thee aside.
 4 When ends life's transient dream,
 when death's cold, sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll,
 blest Savior, then in love,
 fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul.

.Declaration for the year 2026

I am blessed, favored, and sought after. In this year 2026, the Lord will perfect all that concerns me, my family, and the church. We are enveloped in His mercy and find our strength in His defense while our hearts remain at rest. The heavens over us are opened perpetually and our mouths shall always be filled with a new song.

In 2026, peace is my boundary and abundance is my portion. The Lord will exalt my horn and lay His right hand of power upon me. No one shall stand before me, for the earth shall yield her increase to me in this season. My joy shall be full. I cover myself and my testimonies with the blood of Jesus. 2026 must obey me and shall end in praise. Welcome to your best year yet. It's a new dawn of glory.

Amen, Amen, Amen in Jesus' name. **HALLELUYAH!!!**

GOD BLESS YOU

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

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