

EFFECTIVE PRAYER

James 5:16b NLT

If we want our prayers to be effective,
we need to comply with the requirements the Lord has laid down in His Word.
Listen to the words of Jesus. **Luke 11:1-4 NLT**

In His instruction, given to us in **Luke 11**, we see the need for:

I. REPENTANCE

II Chronicles 7:14 NLT

Even as Christians, having received forgiveness through the death of Christ,
we still sin and block the blessings God would give to us.
The only way to put this right is through repentance.

II. OBEDIENCE

I John 3:22 Amp

Having heard what we should do, now we must obey!
We cannot expect answers to prayers that do not line-up with God's way.
We receive answers when we are obedient and follow His plan for us.

III. ABIDING

John 15:7 Amp

Our life is to be lived continually remembering and obeying the words of the Lord.
If His words continue to live in our hearts, they will guide us in the way we pray.

IV. WHOLE HEARTEDNESS

Jeremiah 29:13 Amp

There must be a total commitment of our will to the will and way of the Lord.
The desire of the Lord for us has always been that we be whole-hearted.

V.

EXPECTANCY

Mark 11:24 Amp

There is no point in praying if we do not expect the answer;
HOWEVER, our praying must conform to the will of the Lord.
IF WE BELIEVE WE HAVE RESPONDED TO THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE.

Mark 11:25, 26 Amp.

VI. PERSISTENCE

Luke 11:9, 10 NLT

Prayer is not a one and done deal!!!
We need courage to believe – to act out or belief!
We need the determination to persist to the very end.
God's Word gives us the promise.

VII. UNITY

Matthew 18:19 & 20 Amp.

When we pray, we may express ourselves differently,
but there must be a unity of purpose in our prayers.

Conclusion:

If we are willing to meet the conditions that go with the promises.
There is an extra bonus: - our lives will be greatly enriched by the blessing of the Lord.