

When We Pray

Did you ever sit in a room before a glowing fire with someone you love? Did you talk every minute? Or did you feel compelled every now and then to clear your throat and say, “Now, dear, I think I’ll say something to you.” Then with a bright introduction, did you proceed with a formal speech? Of course not. When you’re with a person you love, there need not be a bit of conversation in order for you to experience real communication. If you feel like saying something you do; if not, you don’t; but the line of communication is always open.

Praying without ceasing is like that. How? It’s simply turning the dial of our communication system with God to **On**, making possible a two-way conversation with Him at any time. When that communication line is open, we can say whatever we want to Him, and He in turn can say anything He wishes to us. Yes, it’s possible to “pray without ceasing” twenty-four hours a day.

When we leave our daily closet praying, do we walk out and slam the door, saying, “That’s it for today. Same time tomorrow, Lord, same station?” That isn’t what the Holy Spirit meant when He inspired Paul to write, “Pray without ceasing” (1Thessalonians 5:17). Nor is it what Christ meant when He taught His disciples, “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1).

After Paul lists the armor with which we are to resist Satan, he goes on to say, “Pray in the Spirit on all occasions” (Ephesians 6:18). The source of strength in our battle with the enemy is “praying always.” But when the line of communication with God closes, wham – the fiery darts of Satan strike! But that need not be the case. The communication system between God and us can be open all twenty-four hours.

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, Thank you that You want us to be open to each other always. Help me to take advantage of this precious privilege and to keep my line of communication open to You at all times.