

Prayer-filled Heart

Be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9–10

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. St. Augustine

Prayer is hard work. Like planting, the work of prayer requires diligence. We often do not see the results or know the fruits of our prayer, or we may see action or movement but not understand it as connected to our prayer. For example, if we pray for healing, God may have a fuller or different kind of healing in mind than the mere physical healing we had prayed for. We are called to be observant to see answered prayer.

Prayer does not change God, but changes the one who prays. The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays. Soren Kierkegaard

We are more often changed by our prayer as it deepens our wisdom and understanding, and compels us to lead worthy lives in the Lord full of good work and growth. Prayer calls for our involvement or change of heart if there is to be growth.

Please take a packet of seeds with you, and plant the contents. As you plant, consider it as compared to the work of prayer.

Release the seed (prayer) to the earth (God), trusting that its current dormancy will sprout tendrils growing from the wisdom and understanding connected to the vine (Jesus).