

Prayer Petition #6: A Prayer Regarding Faith in Action

Scripture Reading:

I Peter 1:3-5; Mark 11:22-25; Hebrews 11; James 2:14-26

Reflections of the Heart:

Active faith believes to receive the spoken petition to God when it is prayed for. Active faith lives in the full image of God and is the full reconveyance of the authority to live in dominion which was lost by Adam when he plummeted mankind into the pit of sin through disobedience. Faith in action IS – always present tense – *ad infinitum* (forever and ever). The faith of Christ says, “Come unto Me . . . You believe in God . . . Have the God kind of faith . . . Believe also in Me . . . for I AM the Way, and the Truth and the Life of the God kind of faith.”

Scriptural Prayer:

Father God, You are awesome in Your sanctuary. God of Israel, You give power and strength to Your people. Praise be to You, God! (Psalms 68:35) We praise You forever, O God, for what You have done. We will trust in Your good name in the presence of Your faithful people. (Psalms 52:9) Abba Father, we give thanks to You who alone does mighty miracles. Your faithful love endures forever. (Psalms 136:4) All praise to You, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by Your great mercy that we have been born again, because You raised Jesus Christ from the dead. (I Peter 1:3a) We thank You that since we belong to Christ, we are true children of Abraham. We are his heirs, and Your promise to Abraham belongs to us. (Galatians 3:29) We are full of thanksgiving, for we know how dearly You love us, because You have given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with Your love. (Romans 5:5b)

Heavenly Father, faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. (Hebrews 11:1) Your Word gives us so many examples of faith in action. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. (Hebrews 11:4c) It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. (Hebrews 11:7a) It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when You called him to leave home and go to another land that You would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8) It was by faith that he offered Isaac as a sacrifice when You were testing him. Abraham, who had received Your promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though You had told him, “Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted.” Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, You would have been able to bring him back to life again. (Hebrews 11:17-19a) We see the reward of Abraham’s powerful example of faith in action in Your provision of a ram for the sacrifice You desired. His faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. (James 2:22) It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the One who is invisible. (Hebrews 11:27) How much more do we need to say? We confess it would take too long to recount the many stories of faith. (Hebrews 11:32a) Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, gave us the most perfect examples of faith in action. In responding to His disciples’ fear of a mighty storm at sea, exclaimed, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then He got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm. (Matthew 8:28) To those He perceived to have too little faith, He said, “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.” (Matthew 17:20) Father, we declare that we can pray for anything that is according to Your Word, and if we believe that we have received it, it will be ours. (Mark 11:24) We decree that we are true children of Abraham in that we will never waver in believing Your promises. As our faith grows stronger, we will bring glory to You. For we claim that we are fully convinced that You are able to do whatever You promise. And because of our faith, You count us as righteous. (Romans 4:20-21) We declare that we do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. (Hebrews 12:2a)

Father, because of Christ and our faith in Him, we now come boldly and confidently into Your presence (Ephesians 3:12) with our prayers. We pray for all believers, that they will ask You to enable them to live lives worthy of Your call. When they ask, may they use all the power You given them to accomplish all the good things their faith prompts them to do. (II Thessalonians 1:11) We covet that they will not waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don’t help people live a life of faith in You. (I Timothy 1:4) Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, we pray that believers will strip off every weight that slows them down, especially the sin that so easily trips them up. And may we all run with endurance the race You have set before us. (Hebrews 12:1)

I will put my great faith into action in the following circumstances:

Merciful Father, when Jesus sent Paul to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they might turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to You, He said they would receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among Your people, who are set apart by faith in Him. (Acts 26:18) As we also are Your people, we come to You in faith asking for forgiveness of our sins. Forgive those who waver, whose faith is not in You alone, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. (James 1:6) Forgive those who say they have faith but don't show it by their actions, (James 2:14b) for faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (James 2:17) Forgive those who judge their fellow believers, as we must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. (Jude 1:22)

Father, forgive me for *(list the sins, say them out loud to the Lord)*. Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. *(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say out loud, "I forgive name of person(s)."*)

Holy Spirit, remind believers to stand in the God kind of faith and not to yield to temptation, because Jesus Christ has delivered us from the evil one.

O Lord God of Heaven's Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as You, O Lord? You are entirely faithful. You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our Savior. You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas. (Psalms 65:5) We pray this prayer in the mighty name of Your Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous, Amen!

Scripture References for the Written Text:

Today I will trust God to:
