

**Year B #386**  
***Instant in Prayer***  
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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

We read in **Mark 1:35 --- And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he- Jesus - went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.** Just as the Lord Jesus enjoyed perfect fellowship with His Father, I too, as a born-again child of God, need to express my fellowship with God. How do I do this? This is brought about by true, real, living prayer which brings a unity, a spiritual oneness with God. It enables me to declare my faith and to declare my confidence in my Lord and God.

It was several years ago that we had the privilege of speaking to a group of Christians, who had managed to escape a country where great evil forces had taken over and brought much bondage upon the people. One of the last planes to get out of the airport was filled with people who had been involved in doing a missionary work among the nationals. Amongst those who were there were nationals with their little families. Just as they were on the plane and the plane was to get out of the airport, all the enemy tanks and all the blasts of guns and bombs were dropping all around them. They needed to move immediately. Just at that moment, horror struck everyone: the door of the plane would not close! It was at that moment they realized they

were going to be killed. They all prayed, but in the panic and the need of everything happening, everybody really more or less saw the hopelessness of the situation rather than believing what was going to happen. Suddenly, at the very last second, the airplane door was closed and the plane immediately took off safely with all those precious lives inside that flight! There was a little boy seated next to his mother. The mother was very, very distressed; she was breathing deeply and getting over the fact that something terrible could have happened to them but they just escaped. She turned to her little boy and said, "Oh, that was terrible! We didn't know if the door would close!" And this little fellow just turned to his mother and - *this is an absolutely true story* - he said, "But, Mummy, I prayed," and he was sitting there quite cool, calm and collected! Somehow his mother had become so absorbed with everything, but this little fellow had just been sitting there and he had been taught, no doubt by this same mother, to pray. And he said, "Mummy - I prayed."

Oh, that we might understand this is what we are to do at this hour. Of myself, I can do nothing. It says in **Philippians 4:6 - Be careful for nothing; but in everything - in everything - by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** Yes, if I am to live this life of dependence upon the Lord, I am to pray as the Spirit of the Lord shows me by faith in a situation. The enemy may well be roaring against me, but I can say, "I prayed." *I*

*thank You, Lord, it is in Your hands.*

In **Luke 18:1**, it says -

**1 And he - Jesus - spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, - *always to pray - and not to faint; - not to faint.*** Let's take your situation today. Nothing takes the Lord by surprise. He is waiting to teach you that He can turn around these circumstances if you will enter in by believing prayer. Take the most hopeless situation and, by prayer, believe Him for what He is going to do. Take His promises and thank Him.

We are told in **Romans 12:11-12** -

**11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;**  
**12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. - *instant in prayer.*** But if I choose not to pray in that situation I am finding myself in, what I am literally doing is declaring to the Almighty God my independence. If I want to worry about it; if I want to talk about that problem, but I am refusing to pray, I am literally saying, Okay, God, I can handle this, even if it is just to moan and groan: I am out of being dependent upon You!" I believe we are all only too aware of that result — things go from bad to worse! I think every one of us has been in that position where we see everything only from our complaining perspective. However, when I realize I am His vessel and He is the life, then my prayer is an on-going way of life. Yes, I can then say ***continuing instant in prayer. Instant***

means *immediate*. You probably had some instant something in your cooking there in the kitchen. ***Patient in tribulation; instant in prayer.***

What about trusting God that in a new way you will move in today and be instant in prayer, praise and thank Him for the awesome things He is going to do for His glory through you in prayer?

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*