

You know Lord that I often do not know how to pray to You. My prayers almost always start and end with asking for something for myself. We have been given many guidelines about how to pray – we often repeat the one from You we call “The Lord’s Prayer” and repeat it so often and fast I doubt we even contemplate the prayer we are offering. We also know from Paul that the Holy Spirit takes our prayers and submits them to You through moans and groans even when we do not know how or what we should say.

Is it because of fear of saying the wrong thing, is it simply that I do not know how to put other requirements and requests ahead of myself. Lord the more that I write these things the more that I do know that I need to always ask something – and that something is that You will forgive me of my many and various sins. We are told that when we pray that we should pray for something specific, not just to be general in its nature. Is it correct to just pray for others and put myself in the position of being an intercessor – even when I know that Jesus is the intercessor for us all.

Right now we are preparing for the subject of Prayer in Healing. I read that many learned people say we should not expect an instant miracle, but why not? The instant miracle really is that You hear our prayers knowing what we need even before we ask. We also know that You answer all prayers but not always in the way or time frame that we are seeking answers.

On the other hand, I know of specific instances where You answered my prayers and I could feel the Holy Spirit being present with me. Once or twice I did have a real feeling of the peace of Your presence which was so overwhelming that I don’t know how many more times I could take it. I think of the presence of Your angels that You sent to Zachariah and to Mary and to Daniel and to the women at the tomb. These are well documented in Your Holy Scriptures. Today others claim to have heard and have seen Your angels but we have difficulty believing. If it happens to me, I believe-- but if it happens to others then it is difficult to believe. Why is a personal experience so necessary for us to believe in You and Your Miracles, Healing, and Answered Prayer? Our modern time seems to require that we have an explanation for everything – and yet it is so obvious that we know next to nothing.

Are the dreams and words I have received from the Holy Spirit? – I believe they are. Even with these received words of wisdom I continue to have doubts. Lord forgive my unbelief! I am hesitant to ask for more of these because it makes me seem so selfish but I get overwhelmed by Your work - other times I am immune to Your presence because I make it all about me. I have been told that we have a tendency to think that we make these things up, but I do not believe in coincidences and I know that they happened. So Lord my prayer tonight is to just thank You for Your messages and Your blessings, and the Glory You show us. And I ask you to bless all who are here tonight. We also pray for those who hate us and who we stand for – that they in particular will get to know you. Protect us from the evil one. All Glory and Honor to you, Lord God of Hosts.