



# Unrelenting Wrestlers

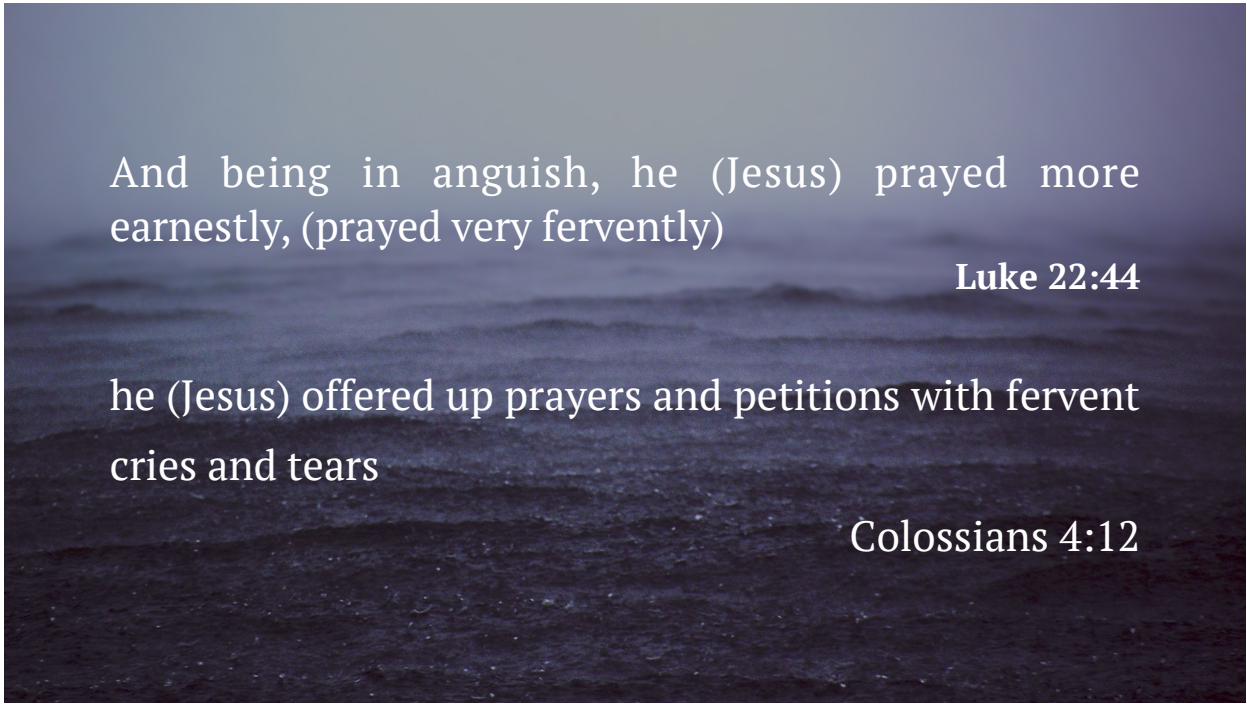
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When it is exercised the prayer of  
a righteous person has much force



We have peace with God  
but trouble in this world



And being in anguish, he (Jesus) prayed more  
earnestly, (prayed very fervently)

**Luke 22:44**

he (Jesus) offered up prayers and petitions with fervent  
cries and tears

**Colossians 4:12**



I want you to know how hard I (Paul) am contending  
for you

**Colossians 2:1**

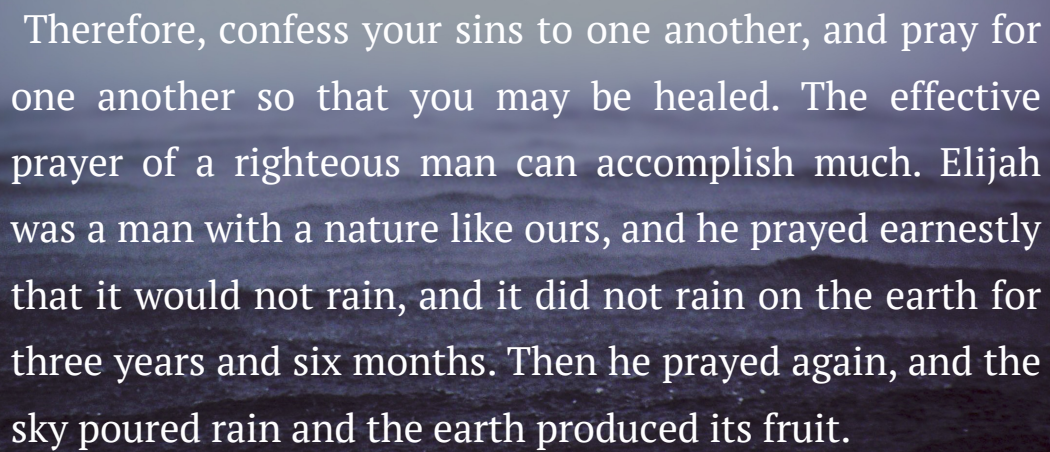
He (Epaphras) is always wrestling in prayer for you

**Colossians 4:12**

We defined fervent prayer as the stubborn refusal to  
back down or give up any inheritance

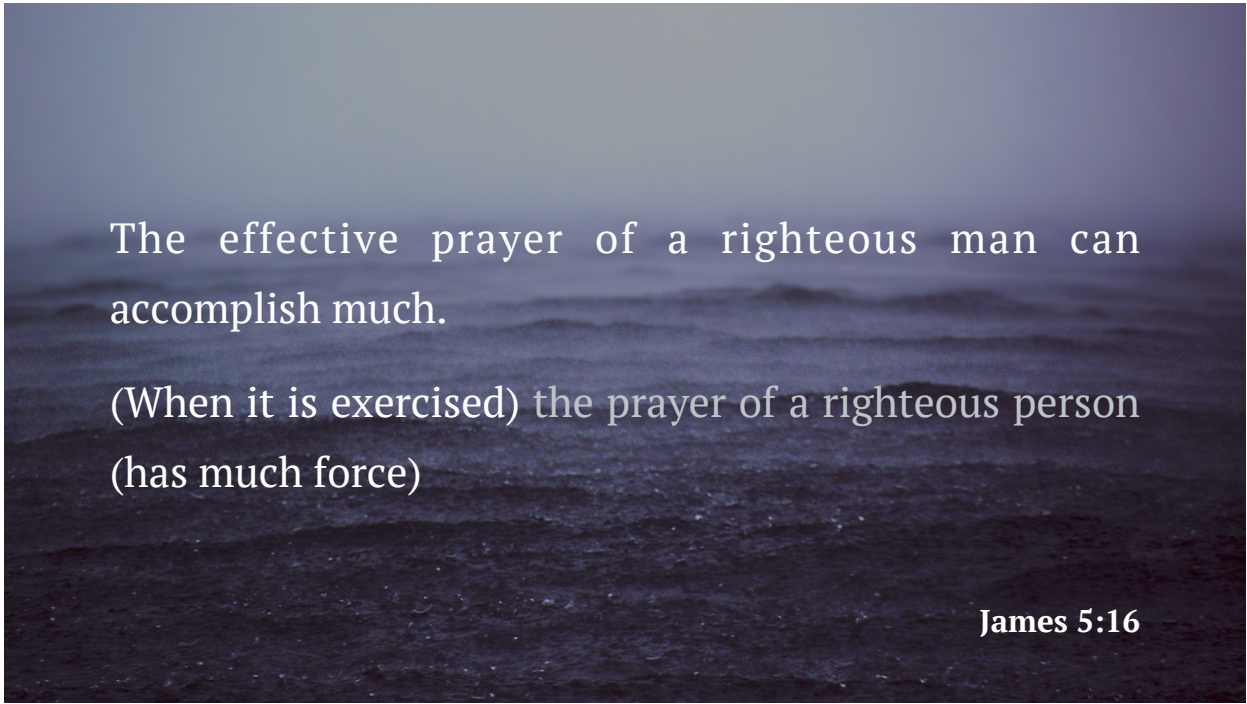
Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is  
anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. Is anyone among  
you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church  
and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in  
the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will  
restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up,  
and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

**James 5:13-15 NASB**



Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

**James 5:16-18 NASB**



The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

(When it is exercised) the prayer of a righteous person (has much force)

**James 5:16**





## Righteous people's prayers?

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

**Romans 3:20-22**

# (When it is exercised) Keep on praying

"The great fault of the children of God is, they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying; they do not persevere!"

George Mueller

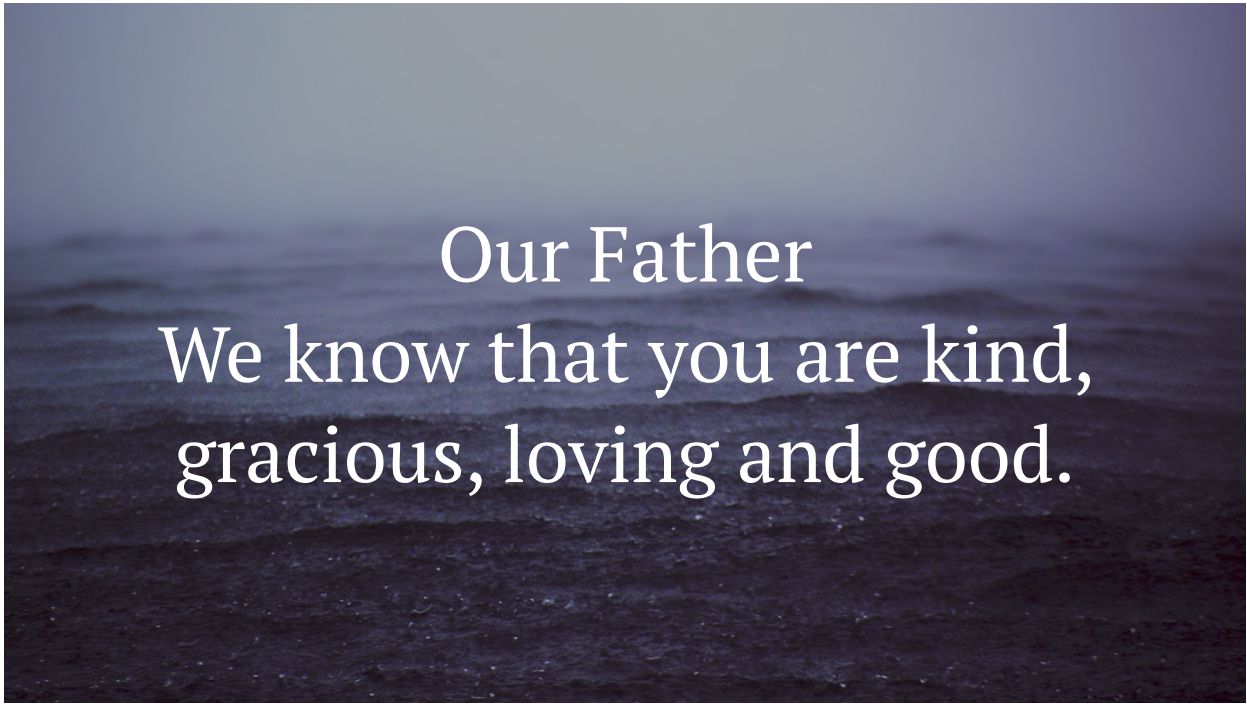
- Sermon on the Mount - Ask, seek, knock (and keep on)
- Teaching of the Lord's prayer - shameless audacity
- Jesus' parable of the persistent widow
- Example of the canaanite woman
- Paul to the Romans - be faithful in prayer
- Paul to the Ephesians - always keep on praying for all
- Paul to the Colossians - devote yourselves to prayer
- Paul to the Thessalonians - pray continually
- James example of Elijah - prayed earnestly

**Matt 7, Luke 11, Luke 18, Matt 15, Rom 12, Eph 6, Col 4, 1 Thess 5, James 5**

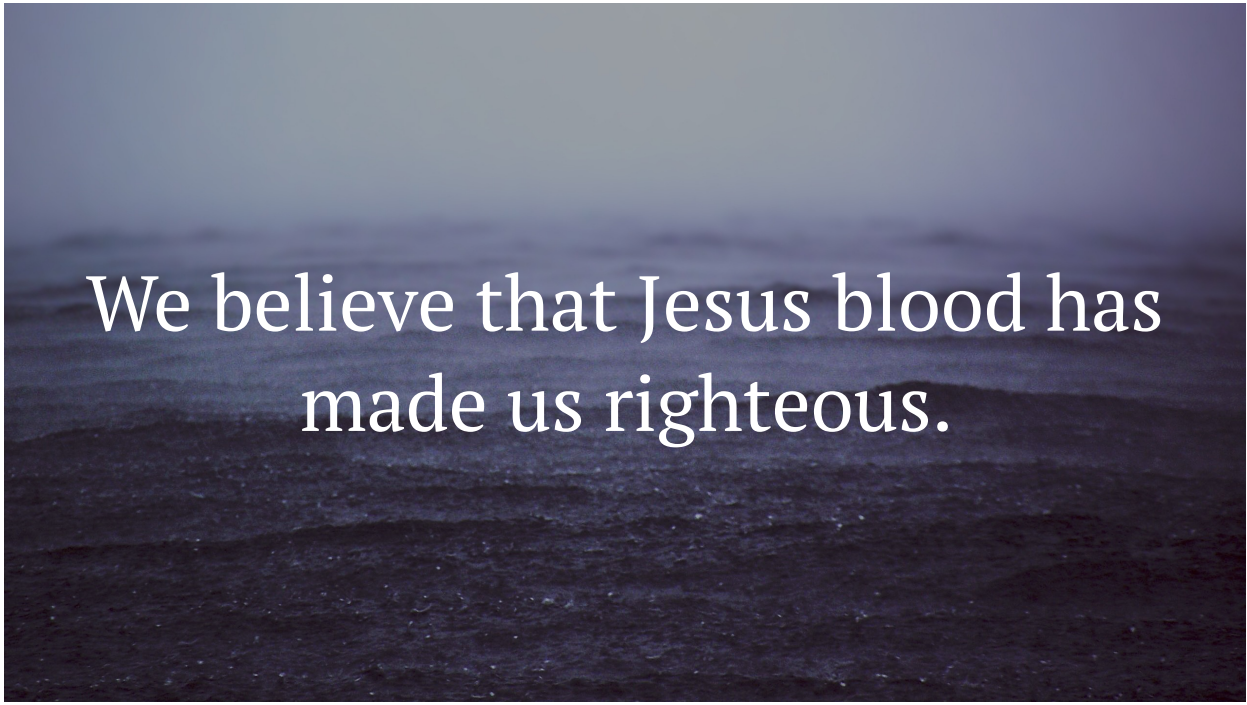




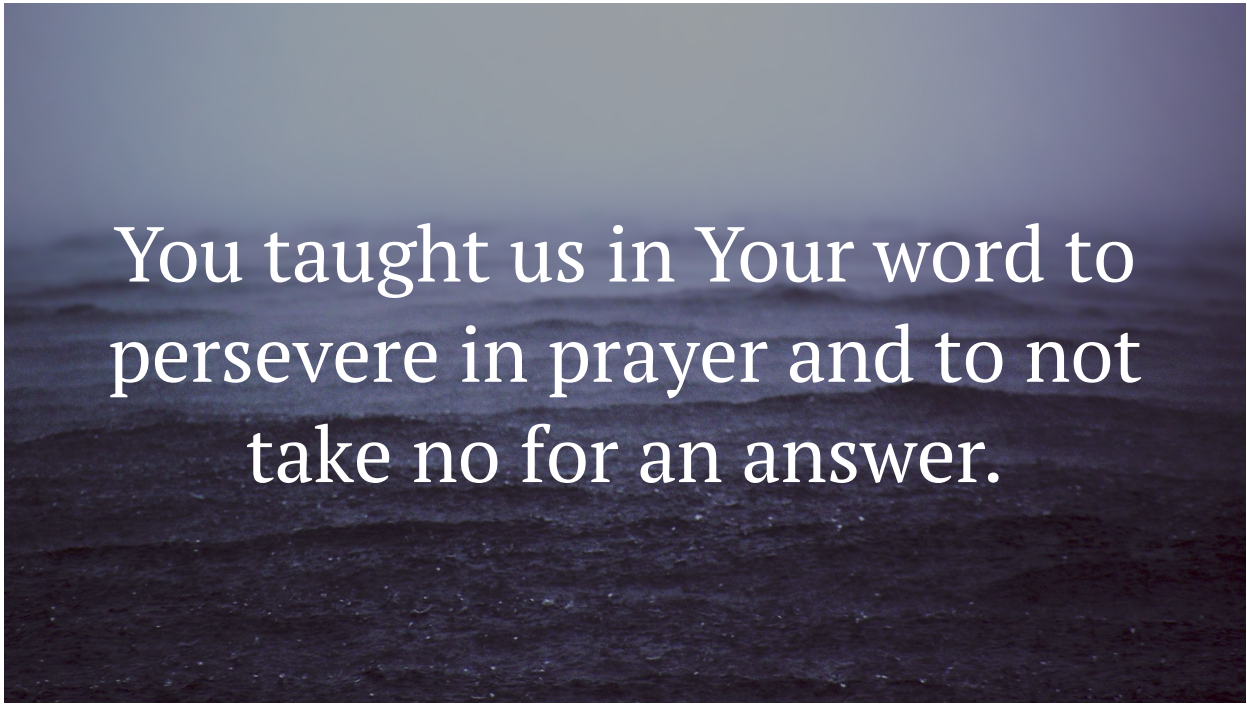
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Our Father  
We know that you are kind,  
gracious, loving and good.



We believe that Jesus blood has  
made us righteous.



You taught us in Your word to  
persevere in prayer and to not  
take no for an answer.





Therefore Father I bring You  
these prayers and petitions . . .