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“Pray for each other.” – James 5:16 NIV

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***“But while Peter was
in prison the church
prayed very earnestly
for him.” – Acts 12:5 NLT***

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Prayers that bless others answer four fundamental questions:

**1. When I pray is it
all up to me or not?**

***“And the Holy Spirit helps us
in our distress for we don’t
even know what we should
pray for nor how we should
pray.” – Romans 8:26 NLT***

When our prayers bless others, it's all because of the power of Jesus Christ.

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“So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.’” – John 11:41-42 NIV

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**Prayers that bless others answer
four fundamental questions:**

2. Formality: yes or no?

***“And the church was gathered
together and was praying
earnestly.”*** – Acts 12:5

***“They were gathered together
and praying.”*** – Acts 12:12

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“God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us making prayer out of our worthless sighs, our aching groans.” – Romans 8:26

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**Prayers that bless others answer
four fundamental questions:**

3. Is prayer effective or not?

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“Cast all your anxiety upon Him because He cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7

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**Prayers that bless others answer
four fundamental questions:**

**4. When I pray can I
mess it up or not?**

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Things if we are messing up they'll bust our prayers and the effectiveness will be gone:

1. Prayerlessness.

“You do not have because you do not ask God.” – James 4:2

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Practical Tips:

- **Pray Immediately.**

Practical Tips:

- **Email your prayers.**

Practical Tips:

- **Insomnia praying.**

Practical Tips:

- **Pray during your daily routine.**

Things if we are messing up they'll bust our prayers and the effectiveness will be gone:

2. Selfishness.

“If you ask and don't receive you've asked with the wrong motives.” – James 4:3 NIV

Things if we are messing up they'll bust our prayers and the effectiveness will be gone:

3. Unconfessed sin.

“Your iniquities have separated you from God. Your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear.” – Isaiah 59:2 NIV

Things if we are messing up they'll bust our prayers and the effectiveness will be gone:

4. Broken relationships.

“This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and are about to make an offering and suddenly remember a friend has a grudge against you. Leave immediately. Go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then come back.” – Mt. 5:23-24 MSG

Things if we are messing up they'll bust our prayers and the effectiveness will be gone:

5. Lack of faith.

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