

Unfinished Prayers

1Peter 3:7

Expected To Do Our Part

3 Jews went into the furnace; Daniel entered lion's den

Prayer Not Automatic

Man is prone to leave tasks undone

Perhaps Dorcus (**Acts 9:36-40**) left some unfinished garment.

The artist or sculptor represented the life of man with an unfinished piece of stone.

New Testament Teaching about Prayer

1Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:6; 2Thessalonians 1:11; Hebrews 13:18; James 5:16

Some Unfinished Prayers

Pray for health: must obey laws of health

Pray for sick: must help them get well

Pray for the bereaved: comfort them - **James 5:13-15**

Pray for world peace: must work for it

Pray for enemies: must work and do good to our enemies - **Luke 6:27-28**

Pray for success in business: must follow economic principles - **Proverbs 11:1**

Pray for wisdom: must study - **James 1:5**

Pray for spiritual growth: must take spiritual food and exercise - **2Timothy 2:15**

Pray for salvation of sinners: must preach gospel to them - **Romans 10:14**

Pray for unity of the church: must work for such unity - **Ephesians 4:4-6**

Pray for church to fulfill its mission: must be a faithful member - **Ephesians 4:15-16**

Are You Finishing Your Prayers?

We have a part in answering some of our prayers

If we fail to do our part the prayer is unfinished.

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