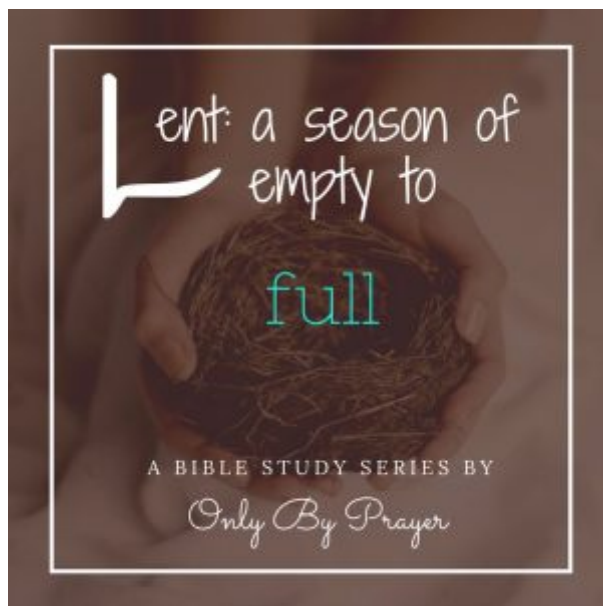


# Lent: empty to full, prayer



**At its simplest, prayer is communicating with God.**

Prayer is the language of our hopes, dreams, and ambitions. The Bible teaches that we should pray without ceasing, in good times and bad, when we are tempted, and when we are under attack. While God can do whatever He wants without the help of man, in His wisdom He has decreed that some things will not be accomplished apart from the prayers of man.

***The effective fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much!***

We all know we should pray. We all know prayer is important ... so why don't we? Why do we struggle so *with* prayer instead of *in* prayer? Because prayer is hard work. Prayer is where our battles are won or lost. Some parts of the Christian life are enjoyable: praise and worship, fellowship, hospitality. Prayer is literally going to war with the enemy. No one likes to go

to war. It's hard. It's bloody. It's critical. It's necessary. It's our privilege and the payouts are huge.

Our nation is at stake. Our families are at stake. Our children are at stake. Suit up and get your armor on and drop to your knees because the battle must be won.

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Have a blessed Lent.

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