

You see, it isn't that prayer is powerful. But God is powerful, and to pray is to give ourselves, our loved ones, our situations, over to this enormous power.

O Mighty and Majestic God, what a comfort and peace we find when we do give ourselves to your power. When we stop trying to play God, when we stop trying to figure it out on our own, when we stop wanting to do things our way, and in our time. For then and only then can we be assured that the One who is sovereign, the One who knows all, the One who has power over all things, has our lives firmly in his wise and loving embrace. And prayer is the means by which we draw on that power. And so forgive us, Lord, when our prayers are rote and repetitive, when we speak without really putting much thought into what we are saying, when we come to you more out of duty rather than love. Help us to remember that we are talking with the God of the universe who loves us unconditionally, and our prayers matter. Because our lives matter. Our actions and words matter. And we want our lives, our words, our attitudes, our actions, to be pleasing to you. For we want to be the people you want us to be. And that can only happen when we come to you in prayer. To speak and to listen. And we thank you that you are always, always there for us.

And Lord we come with others on our hearts and minds. We come with prayers for our country and world. Lord, we are in need. We are in need of civility, we are in need of peaceful conversation, we are in need of people willing to take the high ground in their words and actions. We are in need of leaders, officers, executives who are more concerned about the greater good, than with personal gain. We are in need of people who refuse to use their power or position to take advantage of others. We are in need of justice and responsibility and discipline. We are in need. And so we come in humility praying for those who may not be willing to pray for themselves.

And for others, Lord. Those we know..

Lord's Prayer