

Getting behind unanswered prayer

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. (Luke 22:31-32)

1. Prayer is answered when I am

It comes down to this: anyone who lives in Christ has become a new person. The old life has gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17

2. Prayer is answered when I to the demands

Resilient faith is built with a
Praise the Lord O my soul. May I never forget all the good things He does for me. Psalm 103:2

3. Prayer is answered when I to God's love

God is for us; who can be against us? ...within all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:31-38

4. Prayer is answered when the answer to prayer

Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord. And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God..."
The Lord said to Joshua, "Get up! Why are you praying? ...Sanctify the people." Joshua 7:6-13

5. Prayer is answered in

Pray that I will have R. D and I will then become more B

Prayer for my key needs, plus for others seeking answers.

What would Jesus pray for me?

Answer: Be **resilient**, have **direction**, become a **benefit**. (Luke 22:32)

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. What are some of the usual responses we give ourselves when our prayers seem not to be answered?
2. Read Jesus' prayer in Luke 22:31-32. What did Jesus not pray for? What did He actually pray for?
3. List some benefits from this same prayer being answered in my life.
4. We know that over the next 8 hours Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Did his faith fail? (Warning: this may require some deep thinking)
5. Read Psalm 103:1-2. What are we to do? List some reasons why would that be beneficial.
6. After the defeat at the Battle of Ai, what did the Israelite leaders do (Joshua 7:6); and what was God's response (Joshua 7:10-13)? What are some lessons I need to learn from this?