

The Power of Prayer

The power of prayer is an amazing thing. It's like being able to have a hot line directly to God. Prayer isn't only for meals and bedtime, it can be used any time for anything, whether to ask God for help during sad or hard times or to express gratitude to God.

Two years ago, my grandmother, Theresa Manzo, was found to have a cancer that attacked her liver and then started shutting down her other organs. Only 1 in every 100,000 cancer patients are diagnosed with this rare type of cancer. I prayed every day that she would get better and for a while she was fine. They let her out of the hospital and she came home to live with us. But one day, about a month after she was released from the hospital, it came back and it was worse. I kept praying for her, but when I knew she wouldn't get better I turned to God and hoped he would take her to Heaven without causing her any pain. Sadly, my grandma slipped into a coma and passed away. I thanked God because the coma had prevented her from being in any pain. When I lost my grandma I felt scared and lonely. Through God, my parents, and my prayers, I felt like I had someone walking with me during every step of the way, someone that understood me.

Like I said before, prayer is not just for church, meals and bedtime. You can pray whenever and where ever you want. God will always listen to your prayers and try to lead you down the right path. He cares about things as simple as helping you pass a test or as complicated as mending a broken relationship. I am grateful we have such a forgiving God that helps us to understand when we have made mistakes and allows us to learn from them. As we pray to him, all is forgiven and that is an amazing feeling. This feeling powers us to go out and be caring and compassionate to others. Anything can be accomplished through prayer and if you're willing to pray about it he will listen.

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