

# Contending

ENGAGING IN  
REVOLUTIONARY PRAYER

The prayer of God's people is always meant to be \_\_\_\_\_: a spiritual activity that causes \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 15:30** Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to **join in my struggle** by **praying** to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is contending in faith for God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to invade any circumstance faced by me or others.

Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ way we engage our struggles with faith.

**Ephesians 6:12 & 18** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ... Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

## What makes prayer revolutionary?

1. **Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_ **the Lordship of Jesus**. Whether I'm praying by myself or with others; silently or loudly; in desperation or in victory; while giving thanks or pleading for breakthrough; prayer is always a declaration of the revolutionary truth: Jesus is Lord. This reality changes everything!
2. **Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_ **our perspective**. Prayer moves us beyond our current view of our circumstance. It focuses us on the reality that God – in His overwhelming love, miraculous power, and undeserved mercy and grace – is greater than anything we are facing.
3. **Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_ **God's work**. Prayer is an audacious claim that there is more going on that what can be seen. It invites the invisible God to break into visible circumstances. It is how we give voice to our hope: "God...is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).
4. **Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (all is lost)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (things will never change)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (I am my only solution)