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Romans 8:26-27

Why do we sometimes feel as if our prayers go no farther than the ceiling? We're speaking, but is God listening? The truth is that the Lord is always attentive to the prayers of His people. He's the one who has invited us to come boldly into His presence. What's more, He has also promised to assist us as we pray.

First, our Father has given us His Word to teach us truth so we'll know how to pray wisely and effectively. We find guidance for prayer in God's direct commands, the descriptions of His ways and thoughts, the examples of biblical characters, and scriptural principles that teach us how to apply divine truth to every area of our life.

Second, He's given us many promises in His Word. These assure us that He will direct our paths (Prov. 3:5-6), meet our needs (Phil. 4:19), give us wisdom (James 1:5), answer our prayers (John 14:13), and cause all things to work together for good as He conforms us to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:28-29).

Third, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us because in our human weakness, we don't always know how to pray as we should (Rom. 8:26-27). He takes our misguided or uncertain requests and reframes them according to God's will.

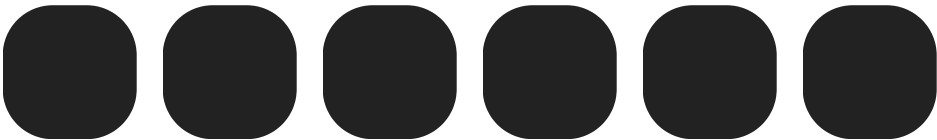
Fourth, Jesus Christ sits at the Father’s right hand as our High Priest, interceding on our behalf (Heb. 7:25-26).

We are never alone when we pray, because the Trinity acts on our behalf. Not only is prayer an amazing privilege; it’s also an awesome and powerful endeavor. The next time you come to the Lord in prayer, remember that it’s a divine appointment with almighty God.

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