

**SPIRIT FORMED LIFE**

**Praying In The Holy Spirit**

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**JUDE 1:20**

*"But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit."*

**EPHESIANS 6:16-19**

*"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel."*

**Praying In The Spirit**

*Praying that is empowered & directed by the Holy Spirit's unction and ability in a "spiritual language" not learned or known by the pray-er*

**8 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT**

**1. P.I.T.S - Is praying in an unknown spiritual language**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:10 ESV**

*"To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish*

*between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”*

## **2. P.I.T.S - Is directed to God**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 14:2 ESV**

*“For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.”*

## **3. P.I.T.S - Is praying mysteries**

- We don't know what we need to pray for (a burden)
- We don't know what lies ahead in God's agenda

### **ROMANS 8:26 ESV**

*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”*

## **4. P.I.T.S- Builds us up spiritually**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 14:4 ESV**

*The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.*

### **JUDE 1:20 ESV**

*But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit.*

**5. P.I.T.S - Comes from the spirit, not from our minds (intellect)**

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:14 ESV**

*"For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."*

**6. P.I.T.S - We're called to utilize both (Praise & Prayer)**

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:15 ESV**

*"What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also."*

**7. P.I.T.S - The Holy Spirit intercedes for us based on God's will**

**ROMANS 8:26,27 ESV**

*"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."*

**8. Paul encourages every believer to pursue a personal prayer language**

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:5 ESV**

*"Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless*

*someone interprets, so that the church may be built up."*

**1 CORINTHIANS 14:15 ESV**

*"What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also."*

**JESUS SAID IT WAS A SIGN THAT WOULD ACCOMPANY BELIEVERS**

**MARK 16:15-18 ESV**

*And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."*