



Of course, prayer is a critical and integral part of our faith-sharing efforts. We recognize prayer does not convert hearts – God alone does that, through His Word – but prayer provides an opportunity for us to seek God’s blessings on all that we say and do. We ask God to give us opportunities to share our faith, to help us to recognize the opportunities He gives us and then to give us the words through His Word to share exactly what God has prepared for that heart to hear.

### **TIP #1 5-Second Prayer In The Morning**

A wonderful habit to get into and one that literally takes seconds every day is to ask God to give you an opportunity to do His work that day. There are those first few seconds when you are coming to consciousness in the morning, that transition time as you are coming to a fully awake state. Use those first few seconds of consciousness to communicate with God about your day.

“Lord, what do you have planned for us to do together today? Open my heart and open my eyes to share with one person today how wonderful it is to know and love you.”

If you need an extra help remembering to do this, fold an index card in half so it stands up like a little tent. Write this prayer on it, and place it in your visual line of sight on your nightstand.

Some say it takes 21 days to form a habit. Do this every day this month and see whether you train your brain and spirit to pray this prayer every morning from now on. Then, watch how God answers this prayer throughout your day. Record what happens in a small journal.

### **Tip #2 Stop, Drop and Pray**

How often have we had a conversation with someone who is going through some difficulty and have said, “I will pray for you”? Most of the time, we remember to do this and that is a wonderful thing. But how much more powerful would it be if you just stopped whatever you were doing, dropped whatever you had in your hand or on your agenda, and prayed for that person right there on the spot? We are not talking about a large investment of time or an

eloquent prayer. We are talking about bringing that person before the God who has the power to act on behalf of all needs and concerns and who has the power to bring faith to the seeking heart and peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding to those who need Him.

*Is this an easy thing to do when you are just beginning?* No. But remember you are just having a conversation with God in prayer. The more you do this, the easier it becomes.

*Will that person want me to pray in public?* Yes. The one who is drowning wants the Captain of the boat to hear the need and throw out the life preserver right away. What a wonderful opportunity to thank the Holy Spirit for His work in that person’s life. That person will thank you for bringing her need before God’s throne of mercy. What trust is engendered when that person sees that what you have offered to do – pray – you actually do, and she has been witness to it!

*Will others stare at us if we pray in public?* Certainly it is an intimate moment in prayer that should not attract the attention of others around. However, it is a wonderful witness to others who might see two women in prayer. Might not God use that witness to make others wonder about the role of prayer in the lives of people? God asks us to pray constantly (1 Thess. 5:16-17). Praying is not limited to a designated time or place.

God is pleased when we are bold in our faith-sharing, radical in our love for others and confident to call on Him who has all power and authority. Be bold. Be radical. Call on the Living God right there on the spot.