

best for us.

3. We must remember the power of God, which alone can bring to pass that which is best for us. He who prays with a perfect trust in the love, wisdom and power of God will find God's peace.

The result of believing prayer is that the peace of God will stand like a sentinel on guard upon our hearts. The word that Paul uses is the military word for standing on guard.

That peace of God, says Paul, passes all understanding. That does not mean that the peace of God is such a mystery that man's mind cannot understand it, although that also is true. It means that the peace of God is so precious that man's mind, with all its skill and all its knowledge, can never produce it.

It can never be of man's contriving; it is only of God's giving. The way to peace is in prayer to entrust ourselves and all whom we hold dear to the loving hands of God.

As Charles Spurgeon that great

Baptist Preacher once said, "In prayer, we stand where angels bow with veiled faces. There, even there, the cherubim and seraphim adore before that selfsame throne to which our prayers ascend. And shall we come there with stunted requests and narrow, contracted faith?" <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/prayer-quotes>

"O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief." **Psalm 143:1**

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# THE PEACE OF BELIEVING PRAYER

Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not worry about anything; but in everything with prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all human thought, will stand sentinel over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

For the Philippians life was bound to be a worrying thing. Even to be a human being and so to be vulnerable to all the chances and the changes of this mortal life is in itself a worrying thing; and in the Early Church, to the normal worry of the human situation there was added the worry of being a Christian which meant taking one's life in one's hands.

**Paul's solution is prayer.** As M. R. Vincent puts it: "Peace is the fruit of believing prayer." In this passage there is in brief compass a whole philosophy of prayer.

**(i) Paul stresses that we can take everything to God in prayer.**

As it has been beautifully put: "There is nothing too great for God's power; and nothing too small for his fatherly care."

A child may take anything, great or small, to a parent, sure that whatever happens to him is of interest there, his little triumphs and disappointments, his passing cuts and bruises; we may in exactly the same way take anything to God, sure of his interest and concern.

**(ii) We can bring our prayers, our supplications and our requests to God;**

We can pray for ourselves. We can pray for forgiveness for the past, for the things we need in the present, and for help and guidance for the future.

We can take our own past and present and future into the presence of God. We can pray for others. We can commend to God's care those near and far who are within our memories and our hearts.

**(iii) Paul lays it down that "thanksgiving must be the universal accompaniment of prayer."**

The Christian must feel, as it has been put, that all his life he is, "as it were, suspended between past and present blessings."

Every prayer must surely include thanks for the great privilege of prayer itself. Paul insists that we must give thanks in everything, in sorrows and in joys alike.

That implies two things. It implies **gratitude** and also **perfect submission** to the will of God.

It is only when we are fully convinced that God is working all things together for good that we can really feel to him the perfect gratitude which believing prayer demands.

When we pray, we must always remember three things.

1. We must remember the love of God, which ever desires only what is best for us.
2. We must remember the wisdom of God, which alone knows what is