
Table of Contents

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Introduction: A Call to Prayer..... | 1 |
| 1. The Nature of Prayer..... | 7 |
| Background to the Christian concept of prayer..... | 7 |
| Prayer in the New Testament writings..... | 18 |
| Prayer in its general nature..... | 19 |
| 2. The Workings of Supplication..... | 27 |
| The effects of supplication..... | 27 |
| The workings of prayer: | |
| the psychological model..... | 31 |
| The working of prayer: | |
| a theological model..... | 36 |
| 3. Praying According to God's Will: | |
| The Principles..... | 47 |
| Characteristics of the petitioner..... | 48 |
| Characteristics of the petition..... | 55 |
| 4. Praying According to God's Will: | |
| The Application..... | 59 |
| Application in general..... | 59 |
| Application to areas of Christian concern..... | 61 |
| Praying for the sick..... | 72 |
| Praying specifically..... | 78 |
| 5. Persistence in Prayer..... | 81 |
| Considerations reflecting the need for | |
| persistence in prayer..... | 82 |
| The value of persistent praying..... | 86 |
| Response to the arguments against | |
| persistence in prayer..... | 88 |
| Personal attitudes in persistent praying..... | 89 |
| 6. Personal, Group, and Public Prayer..... | 93 |
| Personal prayer..... | 95 |
| Small-group prayer..... | 99 |
| Public prayer..... | 102 |
| General suggestions for prayer..... | 105 |
| Bibliography..... | 109 |