

Day 39
Fasting in Desperation

We pray urgently for a project because it is a spiritual need but then a deadline approaches (the end of our fast). Our prayers move from urgency to desperation. We cry out, “*Lord, do it now!*”

“God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1, *NKJV*) and “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You” (Psalm 56:3, *NKJV*).

When you’re hungry, you sit at a table and eat in a civilized way. You use utensils and chew with your mouth closed. But look at the starving person. It’s acceptable to gulp and swallow. A starving appetite trumps decorum and polite manners. So remember, there is a proper time for desperately crying out to God with tears and deep passion.

Don’t think about what you are going to pray—just pray. Don’t consult your prayer lists; also, don’t think about how you will frame your request, just pray. Don’t get ready to pray—just pray.

If you were cutting weeds in the backyard and a snake bit you on the leg, you wouldn’t ask how the snake got there, nor would you question what people will say. You would yell, “HELP!” and run for help.

We have a desperate situation; open your heart and yell, “Help, Lord!”

“LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!” (2 Chronicles 14:11, *NKJV*). – by Elmer Towns©

-My Time to Pray-

- Lord, I come to You for a miracle because there is no other place I can turn.
- Lord, I’m desperate for You to do a miracle for our nation.

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Fasting to the End

As we approach emergencies, we cry out instantly and wholeheartedly. We immediately lay the problem at God’s feet.

We just bring God into our crisis. King Asa went into battle with 580,000 of his troops against the Ethiopians who had a million men and 300 chariots. The prospect of victory was slight, and the hope of God’s people was dark. Asa prayed desperately to God.

“Asa cried out . . . ‘LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!’” (2 Chron. 14:11, *NKJV*).

Did you see what Asa said? The Ethiopians were attacking his army, but Asa realized they were attacking God. So he prayed, “Do not let man prevail against You!”

In many ways the issue in this election is political views. Much of the attacks are against God. This election is a spiritual battle against the “core values” of Christianity. Just as Asa prayed, “Do not let man prevail against You,” so we must intercede with all our hearts because this is spiritual warfare.

The emphasis is not on our begging God to come help us win this battle. No, that’s the wrong emphasis. It’s not even getting God on our side; it’s us getting on God’s side.

When our prayers for this fast is God’s goal, then we can pray with confidence because God will complete His project, in His way, at His time. – by Elmer Towns©

-My Time to Pray-

- Lord, this is Your battle; glorify Yourself with a miracle.
- Lord, I cry out to You for Your glory in our nation.