



40 *days of*
Prayer

When God Says No

“Call to Me and I will answer you...”



Jeremiah 33:3

New International Version

How God answers prayer

If the request is wrong: No!

If the heart is wrong: Grow!

If the time is wrong: Slow!

**If the request is right, you are right and the
time is right: Go!**



“Abba, Father,” He cried out, “everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine.”



Mark 14:36

New Living Translation

1. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE



**“He knows about everyone everywhere.
Everything about us is bare and wide open to
the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing
can be hidden from Him...”**



Hebrews 4:13

Living Bible

“(God) guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.”



Proverbs 2:8

New International Version

- 1. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE**
- 2. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BETTER PLAN**



“This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are My thoughts the same as yours! For My ways are higher than yours.”



Isaiah 55:8-9

Living Bible

- 1. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE**
- 2. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A BETTER PLAN**
- 3. GOD SAYS 'NO' WHEN HE HAS A GREATER PURPOSE**



- **There are some things we won't understand until we are in heaven**
- **There are some things that will never change until we are in heaven**
- **Sometimes your suffering is for the benefit of others**



1. TRUST THAT GOD DOES EVERYTHING IN GOODNESS AND LOVE



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean
not on your own understanding



Proverbs 3:5

New International Version

All the ways of the Lord are loving



Psalm 25:10a

New International Version

**We know that in everything God works for
the good of those who love Him.**



Romans 8:28

New Century Version

1. **TRUST THAT GOD DOES EVERYTHING IN GOODNESS AND LOVE**
2. **FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE**



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- **AFFIRM GOD'S POWER!**
- **ASK WITH PASSION**
- **ACCEPT GOD'S PLAN**



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- **ASK WITH PASSION!**

“Father, please give me what I ask!”



1. **TRUST THAT GOD DOES EVERYTHING IN GOODNESS AND LOVE**
2. **FOLLOW CHRIST'S EXAMPLE**
3. **EXPECT GOD TO GIVE HIS GRACE TO HANDLE HIS ANSWER**



**“Those who know You, Lord, will trust You!
You do not abandon anyone who comes to
You!”**



Psalm 9:10

Today's English Version

⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time He said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

New Living Translation

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.¹⁰ ... For when I am weak, then I am strong.



2 Corinthians 12:8-10

New Living Translation

- **RESIST IT**
- **RESENT IT**
- **RECYCLE IT**



All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

New Living Translation