

## What People Are Saying About Apostle Guillermo Maldonado and *Breakthrough Prayer*...

If you think of prayer as a duty—think again! Apostle Maldonado reminds us that prayer is, first and foremost, a place in the Spirit where we are united with our heavenly Father and are empowered for His purposes. It is where we experience the glory of His presence to shatter strongholds and set captives free. Learn to enter God's presence through *breakthrough prayer*, creating a spiritual atmosphere in which He moves mightily to heal, deliver, and transform lives. This is prayer that God always hears—and answers!

—*Paula White*

Senior Pastor, New Destiny Christian Center, Apopka, FL  
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Many do not pray because they don't see results. If you only knew that nothing happens on earth without prayer. Apostle Maldonado's teaching will not only show you how to have breakthrough after breakthrough in prayer, but prayer will become your greatest joy!

—*Sid Roth*

Host, *It's Supernatural!*

*Breakthrough Prayer* is one of the most revelatory books I know of on the subject of intercessory prayer. If you are frustrated that you are not seeing answers to your prayers, this book is for you. If you want to see quicker answers, this book is also for you!

—*Dr. Cindy Jacobs*

Generals International

Apostle Guillermo Maldonado is leading an incredibly powerful movement of God across the globe. I've had the honor of witnessing his love of and devotion to the presence of God, which cultivate an atmosphere for the Lord to move in signs, wonders, and miracles. His ministry has touched countless lives with the redemptive power of Jesus!

His new book, *Breakthrough Prayer*, is written with a spirit of excellence, a mark of everything Maldonado puts his hands to. This book is a representation of his drive and passion for the bride of Christ to be prepared for and partner with what Jesus wants to do on the earth. In its pages, you will not find empty words to recite to God, but rather divine insight and activation into two-way communication with the Father.

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*Breakthrough Prayer* is an outstanding book on the preciousness and power of prayer. In this wonderful new book, you will be instructed in how to build a personal relationship with Father God. Without question, you will gain much-needed insights into the priority of sincere prayer, and you will be taught how to enter into the secret place of prayer. Your life will be enriched as you study the profound insights from this book, and you will learn how to grow in prayer, moving into a higher spiritual realm. God moves when we pray! Remember, through prayer, we are forging the future and shaping the now. Don't waste any time—get this book and start your spiritual journey towards a deeper, more committed prayer life.

—Bobby Conner  
Eagles View Ministries

I love Pastor Guillermo's teachings on prayer because I have personally witnessed him praying. Prayer opens doors to the supernatural, and I am eager to meditate on his book. Every believer needs this teaching in order to mature as a Christian. I have learned much from Pastor Guillermo and his wife, Ana, on this vital topic, and I am expecting more breakthroughs on prayer.

—*Marilyn Hickey*  
Marilyn Hickey Ministries

Apostle Maldonado is an anointed vessel of God. His message is from the Holy Spirit, and Apostle is full of insight and revelation. He is gifted at bringing out hidden truths. Your spiritual walk with the Lord will be greatly enhanced after reading this book.

—*Dr. Don Colbert, MD*  
New York Times best-selling author



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## FOREWORD

I believe in the most powerful tool Christians have: prayer. Many years ago, I was on the verge of either the greatest breakthrough I'd ever had or the largest breakdown in my life. We had just planted our church in Los Angeles during the Great Recession of 2007. L.A. was hit by strikes, and many of them were in the labor fields of the entertainment industry. The majority of our budding church was made up of entertainers. We were believing for so much, but it wasn't until we began to practice many of the principles covered in this very book that we had a true tipping point. While the majority of the city (and even many other churches) was suffering, we began to build and thrive in our community. It went totally against the grain, and we completely owed it to the power of encountering the Holy Spirit through *a deliberate lifestyle of prayer*.

Time and time again, I have pressed into prayer as if my life depended on it, and you know what? It has! And your life depends on it, too, as well as the well-being of your family, your industry, your nation, and your world. The church is sitting on the power to shift nations, atmospheres, people groups, and justice issues, and all we have to do is pray. We can look into the heart of the Father and bring agreement here on earth, in our spheres of influence.

Ephesians 1:17 is so key to fullness. In it, Paul prayed over the Ephesians to have the spirit of wisdom and revelation so they could really know Jesus the way He wants to be known. The heart of Jesus is the most beautiful of any you will ever know. Many people enter into the saving grace of Jesus without ever knowing the full benefit of what can happen if they go deeper into His fullness—because it takes a very intentional walk through prayer. Prayer is either a relational device or a chore, depending on how you approach it and what your personal motivation is within the pursuit.

In John 17, we get a very personal glimpse into Jesus's prayer life when He was intimately pouring His heart out to the Father. We see how deeply He loved us because of how He was including us and asking for the Father to give us the same divine union He experienced. His primary desire was, and is, for us to have this place of really connected relationship with the Father that brings a manifest result.

Modern Christianity has minimized the powerful prayer lifestyle that the early church used as its lifeline. I love Apostle Maldonado's book because it calls for a return to the value of prayer. It gives understanding into the modern ways in which God is working, demonstrates how to apply our most powerful weapon in our arsenal (as Christians), and builds our incentives for prayer. His experience and the collective perspective he includes give a new foundation for the power of true prayer, one that will build you up. Power-producing, thought-provoking, solution-bringing, intimacy-building—these are all the things that happen when engaging in prayer through the model that Apostle Maldonado has set forth in this exciting new book!

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## PREFACE

**B***reakthrough Prayer* is an urgent call to the body of Christ because of the times in which we live. Many books on prayer have been written over the centuries—a number of them in just the last few years. This is as it should be, because developing a practice of prayer has always been an essential part of our relationship with our heavenly Father and the means of our spiritual growth.

But now, more than ever, the body of Christ and individual believers need to *press in to prayer*—increasing the intensity of our devotion to the Lord as our “*first love*” (Revelation 2:4) and raising the level of our intercession to meet the growing spiritual challenges and opposition we face. This can only occur as we understand and begin to practice *breakthrough prayer* that takes us beyond apathy, fear, the limitations of the natural world, and demonic hindrances to become the victorious church God has called us to be. It can only happen as we move beyond the natural realm and into the supernatural realm of heavenly power.

In chapter 8, “Keys to Breakthrough Prayer,” I write:

Breakthrough prayer generates an abrupt, violent, and sudden rupture of what is hindering us, pushing us beyond that limitation and into freedom. Breakthrough prayer must be engaged in persistently and consistently until we sense that something has broken in the spiritual realm, and until what we are asking for manifests. With a breakthrough, what we need is brought from the spiritual world to the natural world, so that we can see it in a visible or tangible demonstration of God's power or provision.

Today, the people of God need breakthroughs in all areas of life—in their personal life, family, business, education, health, emotions, and more. This world needs breakthroughs by the power of the gospel for salvation, healing, and deliverance. The church needs breakthroughs to become the true bride of Christ and fulfill its purpose on earth.

My prayer is that this book will ignite in you a passion for prayer and that the Lord will use it to further these purposes:

*Restoration.* I have traveled in over sixty countries, and in most of these nations, even among Christians, only a small percentage of the people regularly pray. We must develop an appetite for and a commitment to the priority of prayer—as important to our spiritual lives as oxygen is to our bodies. We can be restored to a close relationship with God as we learn to live continually in His presence.

*Reception.* We are in a season of spiritual harvest in which all the prayers that believers have offered—from the prayers of the patriarchs to ours today—whose answers have not yet been revealed on earth will now be manifested. The “bowl” of the saints’ prayers mentioned in the book of Revelation is already filled and ready to be poured out on the earth. We must be prepared to appropriate and receive these answers!

*Preparation.* All the signs point to the nearness of the second coming of Christ. Only prayer can prepare our hearts for this

momentous event of receiving our King, and empower us to endure the spiritual, emotional, and physical pressures leading up to that time.

*Perseverance.* The atmosphere on the earth has become spiritually dark. We are in a period of increased opposition from the enemy as we draw closer to the day of Christ's return. Overcoming this kind of darkness necessitates a higher level of spiritual power and authority. Jesus taught us to "watch *and* pray." We must learn to do so now!

Let us commit to prayer—to *breakthrough* prayer—that can enable us to live in victory now and lead us to the celebration of our coming King!

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.* (Ephesians 1:18–19 NIV)



## THE SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER

*“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”*

—Matthew 6:6

**P**ray is a *place*. A secret place in the Spirit. There, our relationship with God is established; and from there, everything we ask according to His will is given to us. When Jesus was on earth, He would often pray alone in the desert, but we can choose any place and dedicate it specifically for prayer. In the natural, we all need a physical place to represent the spiritual place where we meet daily with God. However, in order to fully experience the presence of God, we must recognize that the atmosphere of that place is more important than the place itself. There is nowhere on earth (or in the universe) where the presence of God is absent, no matter how hidden it may be. Nevertheless, although the Lord is everywhere, He does not *manifest* His presence

everywhere. His presence manifests only where He is worshipped “*in spirit and truth*” (John 4:23–24).

Jesus taught that when we pray, we should go into our “*room*” (place of prayer), shut ourselves in with God, and speak to Him with faith and trust, as a little child speaks to their father. Our heavenly Father will always be waiting for us there. When we have learned to pray in the secret place, we will find that nothing and no one else is more important to us than God. In that place, we are alone with our Creator—the King of Kings, the Almighty, the One who knows everything, including the state of each person’s heart. (See, for example, 1 John 3:20; Acts 1:24.) There, we are submerged in such sweet communion with the Lord that we don’t want to leave that place; we are passionate about being alone with our heavenly Father, and that pleases Him. Being in the presence of God is so wonderful that we no longer worry about other people or about our problems, fears, and doubts; not even the thought of gaining riches or fame interests us. If, while we are praying, we are thinking about other things, we are not truly in God’s presence because there He becomes our complete reality.

What is the secret place of prayer like?

### **The Secret Place Is...**

#### **1. The Place Where God’s Presence Is Revealed and Manifested**

*Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith....* (Hebrews 10:19–22)



Jesus's sacrifice on the cross gives us access to the presence of God, and prayer is the place where that access occurs. We cannot pray without first recognizing we are in God's presence. In fact, we don't pray for the purpose of entering into His presence; we pray *because* we are in His presence. To pray is to recognize we have a divine appointment where we can speak face-to-face with a holy God. Because we cannot talk with an absent God, it is necessary for us to know that He is present and He hears and responds to us. The Scripture says that when King Solomon finished building the temple, the Lord appeared to Him and said, "*I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me*" (1 Kings 9:3).

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### **Every prayer begins when we recognize we are in the presence of God.**

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Remember, no matter where we go, God is with us. Even if we don't feel His presence, He is there. The psalmist says, "*If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there*" (Psalm 139:8). Through the fire and the storm, in tribulations and persecutions, through loneliness and fear, He is always with us, because He has promised to be there. Jesus gave us His word that He would be with us "*even unto the end of the world*" (Matthew 28:20 κϒν).

True prayer, therefore, includes a consciousness of being in the presence of God Almighty. To be in God's presence, you need to set all your affection on Him; this means fixing your attention and thoughts on Him, focusing completely on His person. When we do this, eternity is pulled into the realm of time.

*So He [Jesus] Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who*

*had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*

(Luke 5:16–17)

Every day, Jesus made sure He was in communication with the Father and filled with His presence. This is why, after He would return from the place of prayer, He would radiate power. When the multitudes approached Him seeking healing and deliverance, Jesus only had to declare the word, and supernatural breakthrough occurred. After spending time in the presence of God, Jesus didn't need to pray for people, because the atmosphere He carried—which He had built with His Father—produced instant miracles, signs, and wonders. The Father saw Jesus's prayers in the secret place and rewarded Him publicly.

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**The proof that we are praying in the presence of God is that we become carriers of His presence.**

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I have had similar experiences after spending time in the secret place of prayer. I frequently see supernatural manifestations happen around me. For example, I have seen people be healed without my touching them or praying for them. Paralytics get up from their wheelchairs, demonic spirits manifest in public places, and people weep for no apparent reason. These things happen because the atmosphere of the presence of God shakes the kingdom of darkness—which, when confronted, cannot continue operating.

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**Our consistency in prayer can be measured by the level of the presence and power of God that we carry.**

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The presence of God dwells within every believer at all times; it is not shut away somewhere in a church building. When we are fully aware of this reality and spend time in fellowship with our Father in the secret place, then wherever we go, we will carry the atmosphere of His presence; we will radiate His life, liberty, power, and glory. Anyone who moves in miracles, signs, and wonders understands this dynamic.

What atmosphere do you carry? What happens when you pray? As believers, we need to be filled with the atmosphere of heaven before we approach other people to pray for them. If you are a pastor or a leader in your church, don't wait for anyone else to build the atmosphere of God's presence during a service. You are called to bring the atmosphere of God there! As you do, people will perceive that you are different from others, because a man or woman who continually walks in the presence of God inevitably draws attention—to God's glory!

## 2. The Place Where We Come to Know God

Because God's presence is manifested to us in the secret place of prayer, it is there where we come to know the Father. "*This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent*" (John 17:3). As we pray, God reveals Himself to us, and we are attracted to Him in an ever greater way. He places us under His care as His special treasure and as part of His very heart.

God wants us to see Him as He is; He longs to establish an intimate relationship with us, and for us to become one with Him as He is one with His Son Jesus. Jesus is one with the Father by nature, and through Him, we are children of God by adoption. (See, for example, John 10:30; Ephesians 1:4–6.) And prayer is the place where we can see God as He really is and receive His life.

### 3. The Place Where We Appropriately the Power of God

*And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.... And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:31, 33)*

In the book of Acts, every time Christians got together to pray, the power of God manifested. This indicates to us that the church should never lack power. The enemy attacks the prayer life of churches and individual believers because he doesn't want them to have access to God's supernatural power and grace.

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**Every time you pray, you have access to the power of God.**

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Prayer generates power. When someone prays in the secret place, they are empowered in the presence of God so they can go and pour out that power upon other people for healing, deliverance, and miracles. Remember, the Word says, "Your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Power is our inheritance as children of God, but we can only use it legally, in a spiritual sense, through prayer that is part of an intimate relationship with the Father.

In Acts 2, we see that the disciples remained in prayer for several days, after which they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Then Peter went out and proclaimed the message of the gospel; when he had preached for only a short while, three thousand souls were won for the kingdom of heaven. Many preachers today do the opposite—they pray for a few minutes and then preach for two hours; that is why they don't see people being saved and healed. The worst part is that they feel

satisfied in doing this, while God's Word shows us that true prayer is confirmed by His power being tangibly and visibly demonstrated.

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**Before giving us power, God wants us to have a relationship with Him.**

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#### 4. The Place Where We Participate in Spiritual Activity

The Spirit of God is continually active on the earth. When you pray, you become a participant in what He is currently creating and doing in the world, and you begin to build spiritual environments in which He can work. Then, when you come into contact with other people, you impart some of that spiritual activity to them—in healings, miracles, anointing, and other manifestations.

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**Prayer causes strong spiritual activity within us.**

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Sadly, much of the church today doesn't know how to pray; consequently, spiritual darkness has become thick on the earth. This generation lacks the spiritual depth that a life of prayer produces. Those who are preachers need to pray at the same level that they want their preaching to attain. In other words, the depth of our prayer life will determine the depth of our message. I give great importance to my time of prayer. The time I use to preach will never be more important than my time in prayer because I know that prayer generates the spiritual activity I am to release. I can't preach based only on my acquired knowledge of the Bible. To produce a supernatural movement, I must carry the activity of the Spirit with me as I speak.

**When a person's spirit is empty, they produce empty words. When a person's spirit is burning with the Holy Spirit, they release God's power through anointed words and generate spiritual activity.**

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## 5. The Place Where We Obtain Spiritual Authority

Spiritual authority belongs to all children of God by inheritance through Jesus. (See, for example, Luke 10:19.) However, as is the case with spiritual power, our use of spiritual authority is legal only while we maintain a relationship with our heavenly Father. And a significant way in which God imparts His authority to us is through prayer. For this reason, whenever our prayer life begins to diminish—in our individual lives or as the corporate church—our spiritual authority is weakened. Not only do we start to lose authority, but we also begin to lose the spiritual territories we have won from the enemy. Today, we live in extreme times in which the enemy is doing everything he can to diminish the power of the church. Therefore, every day, we need a greater level of spiritual authority, and for this we must “*pray without ceasing*” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

We must recognize that the authority to deal with the enemy is given to us only while we are on earth. Beyond that, it is illegal to exercise it. Note that when it came time for Aaron, the brother of Moses, to die, his authority as high priest was removed from him and given to someone else when his garments were placed on his son Eleazar. “*Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain*” (Numbers 20:28). This means you cannot wait until you go to heaven to exercise the authority over Satan that Jesus has given you—you need to exercise it here and now. A believer without authority on earth will be an easy

prey for Satan. Without a doubt, the enemy will come and oppress them; he may even destroy them. I have seen some men die as soon as they have lost their spiritual authority; others have suffered from spiritual drought. We must maintain a healthy fear, or reverence, of God, and walk in the authority He has given us.

Let me point out here that prayer consists of talking and communing with God; it is not the same as doing spiritual warfare against the enemy. Some believers try to do spiritual warfare against demons without operating under the proper spiritual authority to cast them out. Expelling demons is not about shouting at them or fighting with them, but about knowing and operating in our spiritual authority. There are evil spirits of high rank that require greater authority to be cast out than those of lower rank, and that authority is obtained through fasting and prayer. Jesus taught this truth to His disciples when, despite their many efforts, they couldn't cast out a demon that was tormenting a young man. The Lord said to them, "*This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting*" (Matthew 17:21). Jesus had authority to cast out demons of all ranks, because He was a Man of continuous prayer who lived in complete obedience under His Father's authority.

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**Prayer is the place where we obtain power in  
greater levels to deal with demons  
of greater rank.**

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## 6. The Place Where We Submit to the Lordship of Christ

Additionally, the secret place of prayer is where we surrender our will to God so the Lord can accomplish His will in us. It is also where the greater spiritual struggles take place for believers, because it's

easier to say, “Jesus is my Provider” than it is to say, “Jesus is my Lord and the Owner of my life.”

While He was on earth, Jesus submitted to the lordship of the Father. For example, when He knew it was time for Him to suffer death on the cross, He prayed, “*Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done*” (Luke 22:42). Furthermore, to become the Lord of all, Jesus had to fully submit to His Father’s will. Today, if we want to operate in heavenly authority, we, too, need to be people of prayer who live in complete obedience to the Father. And every day, we must surrender our will to the lordship of Jesus Christ, because total submission is not something that is accomplished instantly; it is a surrender that happens progressively.

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## **Spiritual power and authority are obtained by submission to the lordship of Christ.**

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### 7. The Place of the Sufferings of Christ

*That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.*

(Philippians 3:10)

The apostle Peter wrote, “*Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin*” (1 Peter 4:1). Prayer is the place of fellowship with the sufferings of Christ because it requires obedience and self-denial. Jesus told His disciples, “*Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*” (Mark 14:38). Our flesh is weak; therefore, most of the time, it



doesn't want to pray. Yet if we want to see people's lives transformed for Christ, we have to voluntarily submit our spirits to God and pray, regardless of what we "feel" like doing.

It was after Christ had suffered on the cross physically, emotionally, and spiritually that God released His resurrection power and raised Him from the dead. God has to work *in* us before He can work *through* us and make us good stewards of His grace. If, as we pray, we allow God to show us the sin that has become rooted in our lives, and to lead us to repentance and forgiveness so that our sin is taken away, then we will know Christ and we will resemble Him in His suffering. Jesus was without sin, yet He took our sin on the cross. He endured all suffering to please the Father, to be united with His purposes, and to do His will on earth. The question is, are we willing to do the same?

## 8. The Place Where the Keys of the Kingdom Are Activated

*And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.* (Matthew 16:19)

The Hebrew words translated "*bind*" and "*loose*" were legal terms commonly used by rabbis, who interpreted the law and declared what was prohibited ("*bound*") and what was permitted ("*loosed*").<sup>1</sup> Jesus used the Hebrew expression of "binding and loosing" to communicate to Peter—and all believers—that He gives us spiritual authority on earth. That is why, when we pray, we declare and decree; in other words, we pass "laws" or "regulations" concerning what is allowed and not allowed according to the will of God because we have the authority to do it. And that authority is ratified in heaven because it originates in Christ and is part of His work on earth. (See, for example,

1. See, for example, <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/3307-binding-and-loosing>, and <http://www.truthortradition.com/articles/binding-and-loosing>.

Matthew 16:17–19; Luke 4:18.) Thus, we can say that we declare to be legal on earth what is legal in heaven, and we declare to be illegal on earth what is illegal in heaven. Christ will ratify in heaven what we do on earth, in His name and in accordance with His Word.

For this reason—and because “*death and life are in the power of the tongue*” (Proverbs 18:21)—it is important for us to be aware of what we are praying. If someone speaks a declaration of poverty, they will see poverty, because their words have the power to create, even though that declaration is not spiritually legal. Likewise, if they confess sickness, they will likely bring sickness upon themselves or someone else, putting into effect a negative “law” in their life. In contrast, if they declare prosperity or health, that is what they will receive, and their declaration is legal because it is aligned with God’s will. I exhort you today to change your negative confessions to come into agreement with heaven by declaring in prayer what the Spirit of God and His Word reveal to us. Then, you will have access to all the blessings and provision the kingdom has in store for you as a child of God.

## 9. The Place Where We Expand Our Territory

The secret place of prayer is also where we expand the capacity of our spirit and the size of our territory. Your prayer life will determine your spiritual “metron,” that is, your measure or level of influence and government in the Spirit. Paul understood about spiritual spheres of influence, saying, “*We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you*” (2 Corinthians 10:13). As your prayer life grows, your territories (domains of ministry and influence) will expand; but as your territories expand, your prayer life must also increase. It is not enough to gain a territory; it is important to maintain it. That is why we can never stop praying.

**When a church's prayer life is constant,  
its territories will continually expand.  
When its prayer life is weak, it will end up  
losing what it had previously gained.**

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Again, when we stop praying, we begin to lose the authority we previously had. We also lose those things over which we no longer exercise authority. This means we relinquish spiritual territory rather than gain it. Have you lost things that you know you were supposed to have—for example, your health, marriage, children, house or other property, business, job, position, anointing, even your faith?

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**We don't lose other things until we lose our territory.**

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Forty years ago, it was common to see people healed of cancer in church crusades because the church's prayers were full of strength and power. Christians had gained that territory in the Spirit. Today, however, it seems more and more believers die of cancer and other sicknesses, as well as lose their marriages, their children, and their homes, because the church has stopped praying. Little by little, it has lost the territories it had gained. Additionally, because the church as a whole has moved away from prayer over the last few decades, more believers have started to depend on the prayers of others rather than maintaining a strong prayer life themselves. Today, I encourage you to go into your prayer room, shut yourself in with God, and persevere until you recover everything that the enemy has stolen from you!

You cannot be complacent about prayer—you must pray until you obtain a breakthrough. Jesus used to pray all night, and by dawn, He had won territories that had been controlled by the enemy. His prayer was not casual; He was committed to dwelling in the presence

of the Father, and this commitment yielded supernatural results. Additionally, in the book of Acts, we see that each time Jesus's disciples prayed, the Spirit of God descended powerfully, and lives were transformed. Likewise, we need to pray in such a way that God's Spirit moves, bringing great change.

I declare that you now enter a season in which you recover everything you have lost—health, possessions, houses, anointing, faith—everything comes back to you, in Jesus's name. But you must be aggressive in the Spirit! Recover it all, now, in the name of Jesus!

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**Every war starts with a desire to win resources and territories; in a spiritual sense, resources and territories can be gained or regained only through prayer.**

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## 10. The Place Where We Obtain the Favor of God

*For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.* (Psalm 5:12)

God's favor in our lives is seen in the manifestation of His power that allows us access to things we otherwise would not have. The favor of God makes us irresistible to blessings, protection, prosperity—and much more. Unlike other spiritual bestowments, God's favor cannot be imparted from one believer to another. I cannot pray for someone else to receive the favor of God. Rather, God's favor is something that individual believers and churches attract. It comes as a result of their communion and close relationship with their heavenly Father. That is why, when a believer leaves that communion, they automatically lose the favor of God.

## **Enter the Secret Place**

Everything I have described to this point is revelation about the secret place of prayer, where man meets his Creator and is transformed. God expects us to daily enter His presence—the place where spiritual power and activity are released—to know His heart and to receive His authority. He longs for us to enter the place of submission and suffering, where the keys of the kingdom are found, where we gain territories, and where we receive His favor.

The church of Jesus Christ needs to go back to that secret place, so that the Father who sees in secret will reward the church in public. And what is that reward? An eternal, close relationship with the Lord that makes us continual carriers of His supernatural presence. Let us enter that secret place! I assure you that when we do, we will be ready to be God's faithful remnant—the bride of Christ who ministers in His name to the world and awaits His second coming. Let us embrace the life of God and become one with the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Outside of that, nothing else matters!

## Activation

Dear reader, if you recognize that your prayer life is not what it should be, if you know you have been praying in merely a “religious” way, without being conscious of the presence of God, without power or spiritual activity in your daily life, I invite you to say the following prayer out loud:

Beloved God, I thank You for bringing this revelation of the secret place of prayer to me. I ask for forgiveness if, due to ignorance or a lack of passion, I have not known how to seek a relationship with You that leads me to be in Your presence. Today, I commit to walk in communion with You. I am conscious of being in Your presence, and I know that You are my greater Reality, my absolute Reality. When I’m in Your presence, nothing else matters! I access Your presence and become its carrier. I declare that in Your presence, I receive power, and that miracles are manifested among Your people. I declare that I participate in Your spiritual activity on earth, creating heavenly atmospheres for Your presence to come and minister to others, and I receive spiritual authority to destroy the works of the devil.

I remain in submission to the lordship of Christ, just as Jesus walked in submission to the Father while He was on earth. I participate in Christ’s sufferings in order to manifest the power of His resurrection. I declare that my prayers activate the keys of the kingdom, to legally bind and loose the will of God on earth. I also declare that, as I keep growing in prayer, my territories and domains will expand. I proclaim that I am fully conscious of God’s presence, of His fellowship, and of the power and authority our relationship releases. I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus, in the now. Amen!

## Testimonies of Breakthrough Prayer

### God Heals in the Middle of Praise

A few years ago, Belen, who comes from Spain, joined King Jesus church in Miami, along with her family. She is a pastor and one of the praise and worship leaders in our ministry. This is her testimony of breakthrough prayer:

Apostle Maldonado was preaching a series on “End-time Faith.” I had been praying and asking God to increase my measure of faith to be aligned with the father of this church, and to be able to minister to the people and build their faith. One Sunday morning, God spoke to me and said, “Belen, I already gave you a new measure of faith.” I answered Him, “Lord, I want to see Your healing power in the midst of praise. Do it from the start!” I came out empowered and full of faith to sing to God.

Right when we started praising, I heard the Lord tell me, “I will heal the people according to their faith.” I started feeling that there were people with pain in their bones. Led by God, I told them to start dancing as an act of faith, regardless of the pain, and God healed several of them. Lastly, God spoke to me about a woman who had a heart condition. I called her to the altar for the purpose of praising God in faith. I bound and rebuked the spirit of death, and I declared the life of God upon her. Some days later, she came to the altar to testify that, soon after that service, she went to get some new medical tests. Her doctor was amazed to confirm that her heart was completely healed. The glory be to God for all He did that day!

## A Creative Miracle in the Brain

Armando and Aracely are a couple from Arizona, United States. Aracely was facing an extreme health situation, but thanks to my relationship with God and prayer, the Holy Spirit guided me to release a powerful miracle in her life. The following is Armando's account of what happened:

During a time of ministry at CAP [the yearly Apostolic and Prophetic Conference hosted by King Jesus Ministry], Apostle Maldonado said God had revealed to him in prayer that He would restore organs and create bones where they were missing. At that time, my wife had been suffering a terrible headache for nine days. At the hospital, they had detected bleeding in her brain that they couldn't explain. They had to do emergency surgery because, according to the doctors, her brain had moved seven millimeters to one side, and that was a deadly condition. The doctors didn't want to talk to me because I always declared she was healed. I knew God would do a miracle at CAP.

My wife went to CAP feeling very sick, with a severe headache and hypersensitivity to light and noise. The Apostle said there were angels around us bringing new organs, and that they would be implanted in people, and I received that word for us. Standing next to Apostle Maldonado, I saw a silhouette of fire coming toward us. When it stood in front of me, I saw it had an enormous and brilliant hand, and I heard a voice telling me to open my left hand. As I did, I saw a whirlwind going from the angel's hand toward mine. Then the angel said, "Put your hand on your wife's head." When I obeyed, I felt fire flowing from my hand, and I could clearly feel the hole in her brain being filled. She left the CAP event completely healed.



When we went back to the hospital, the doctors said her condition could have been fatal, due to all the days in which she'd had internal bleeding. But God preserved her life, and He worked a creative miracle in her brain. We know Christ is alive and He has power.

