## **The Power of Righteous Prayer!**

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11-14.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. I John 5:14, 15.

## The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

To be in poverty and in pain without relief is to sit in ashes with all hopes seemingly dashed. You waste away in torment. Now for one in the world as a sinner, I can imagine such a scene. But even here, the mercies of God are extended for he rains on the just and he unjust. But a child of God in this condition should never be as one sitting in ashes with all hopes dashed. There is a power present in the child of God that links him with providence. There is a divine ear ever listening to and divine eyes ever watching the goings on of his children.

God awaits the prayer of his children though he knows the totality of the matter. His answer is by his side. If you in trouble, he will deliver you! If sin has invaded soul, forsake it and he will cleanse you. If sickness has weakened the physical man, he will provide relief. You must pray believing that you will get what you are asking. Always be mindful of the deadly enemy of prayer—double-mindedness. It will make your prayer null and void (James 1:6-8). If the matter is not changed through prayer, the manner in which it is observed by you will be changed so that you can bear it better. God bless!