

Prayer & Fasting

1st Wednesday of every month

JANUARY 4

Excerpt taken from *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools* by Tyler Staton:

"From cover to cover, the Scriptures make this comprehensive point when it comes to prayer: God wants us to ask. He wants to hear you and me say it. As Charles Spurgeon points out, this rule even applies to Jesus himself: 'Remember, asking is the rule of the kingdom... remember this text, Jehovah says to his own son, ask me and I will make the nations your inheritance...Psalm 2:8. If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking that He may have, you and I cannot expect the rule to be relaxed in our favor.' He concludes, 'If you may have everything by asking, and nothing without asking, I beg you to see how absolutely vital prayer is, and I beseech you to abound in it.'"

The author goes on to ask why God is determined on our asking. If He already knows what we need, why do we have to ask? Staton asserts that one of the primary reasons is that God desires relationship. The communication of prayer develops trust and relationship.

Let's engage in the precious relationship we have with our God and creator. Let's seek Him in prayer and commune with Him. Let's not only intercede for others and bring our own needs before Him. Let's be silent before Him, listen to Him and spend time in His Word.

PRAYER POINTS FOR JANUARY 2023

- **Awaken Las Vegas to faithfully fulfill the mission given by God**
- **Spiritual growth of Awaken Children's Ministry**
- **Spiritual growth and influence of Awaken Youth Ministry**
- **Spirit of God to move on the UNLV campus**
- **A genuine desire for prayer and communion with God to grow in ALV**
- **Spiritual growth and passion for Christ and His purposes in each life**
- **Awaken Church Community (existing and new church plants) to grow and touch the lives and share the Good News**
- **For our pastors and all those serving in ministry**
- **For families still affected by the atrocities of war**
- **For families and cities affected by adverse weather**
- **For individuals and families dealing with severe loss**