

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked. ¹⁶“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” ¹⁷And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, “Strike this army with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.¹⁹ Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria. *II Kings 6:15-19 (NIV)*



**“O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.”
II Kings 6:17b (NAS)**

**Praying with “eyes open”
means that...**

**Prayer is viewed as my _____ response,
not my _____.**

*Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴ So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD. ⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new court, ⁶ and he said, “O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You.” *II Chronicles 20:3-6 (NAS)**

*“O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You.” ¹³ All Judah was standing before the LORD, with their infants, their wives and their children. *II Chronicles 20:12-13 (NAS)**

*¹⁵ and he (Jahaziel, the prophet) said, “Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, ‘Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God’s. ¹⁷ You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you.” ¹⁸ Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. *II Chronicles 20:17;18-19 (NAS)**

- Practice the presence of Christ.**
- ___ **Start each day celebrating God’s Presence.**
 - ___ **Take in God’s Word.**
 - ___ **Let prayer be an ongoing conversation.**
 - ___ **Make the deliberate choice to be thankful.**
 - ___ **Build breaks into the day to contemplate God.**
 - ___ **Remember to tell God good night.**

Praying with “eyes open” means that...

I look for and expect God’s _____ in my life.

*Always be joyful. ¹⁷Never stop praying. ¹⁸Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)*

*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.
Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.
Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)*

*These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
Acts 1:14 (NAS)*

*Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Matthew 6:10 (NAS)*

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

*At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ’s body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.
Ephesians 1:22-23 (MSG)*

Praying with “eyes open” means that...

I recognize my daily _____ upon God’s _____ in my life.

So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” ¹¹So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. Exodus 17:9, 11 (NAS)

"It is in the field of prayer that life's critical battles are lost or won. We must conquer all our circumstances there. We must first of all bring them there. We must survey them there. We must master them there. In prayer we bring our spiritual enemies into the Presence of God and we fight them there. Have you tried that? Or have you been satisfied to meet and fight your foes in the open spaces of the world?" (J. H. Jowett)

“Give us this day our daily bread.” Matthew 6:11 (NAS)

*Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people.
Matthew 4:19 (NLT)*

Praying with “eyes open” means that...

I live with an increasing awareness of the _____ taking place in the world.

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹²For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT)

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
Matthew 6:13 (NIV)*

A further reason for forgiveness is to keep from being outsmarted by Satan, for we know what he is trying to do. II Corinthians 2:11 (LB)

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. ⁸Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. I Peter 5:6-8 (NLT)