

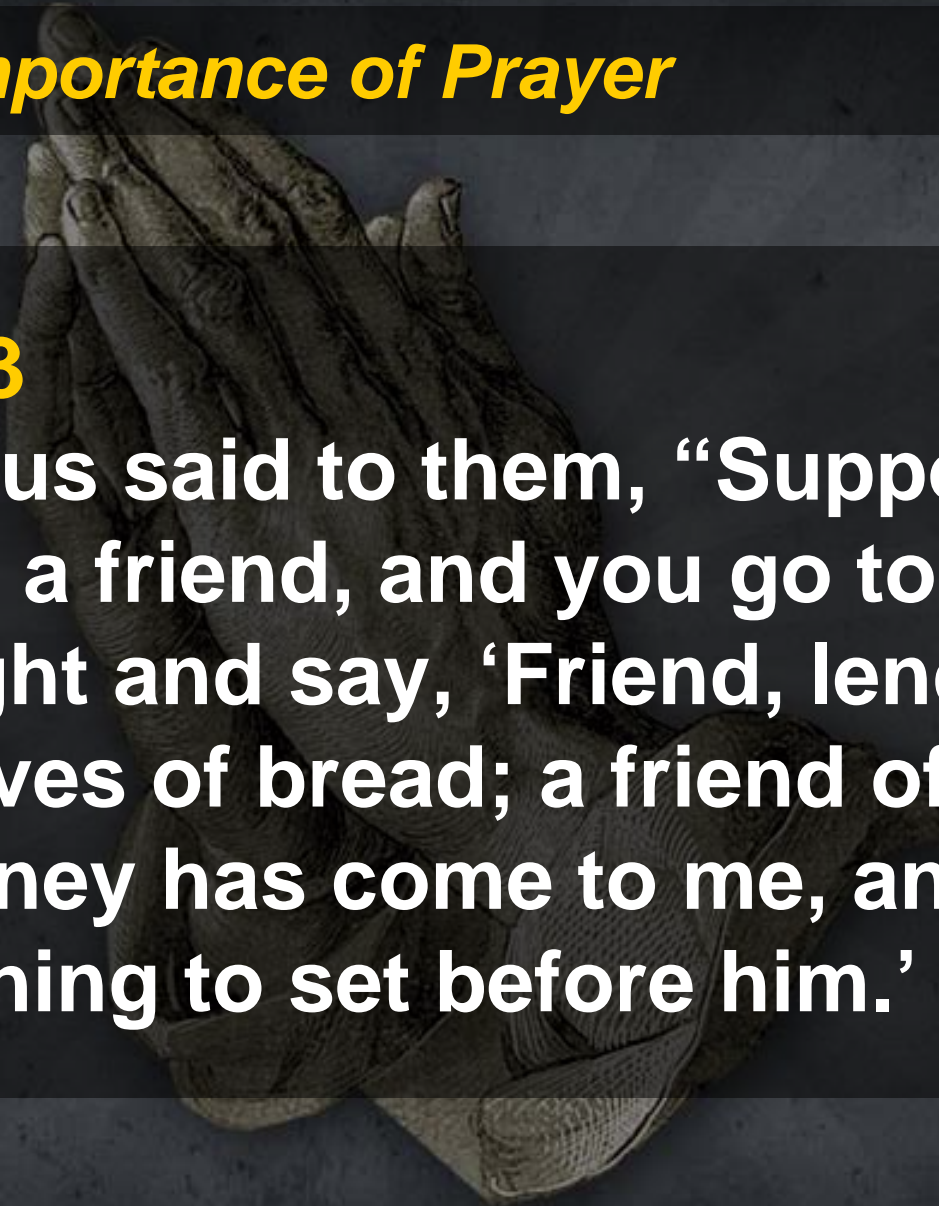


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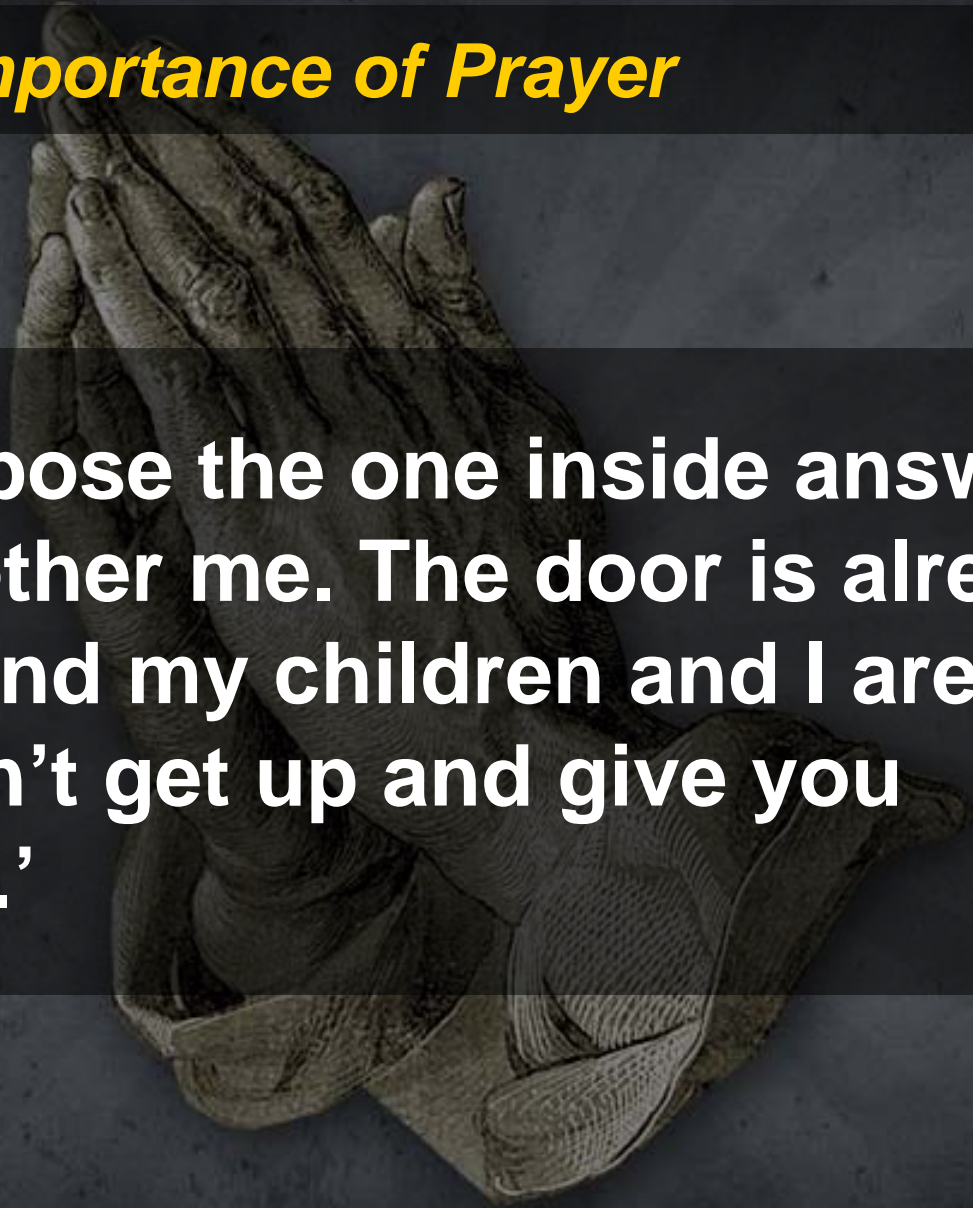
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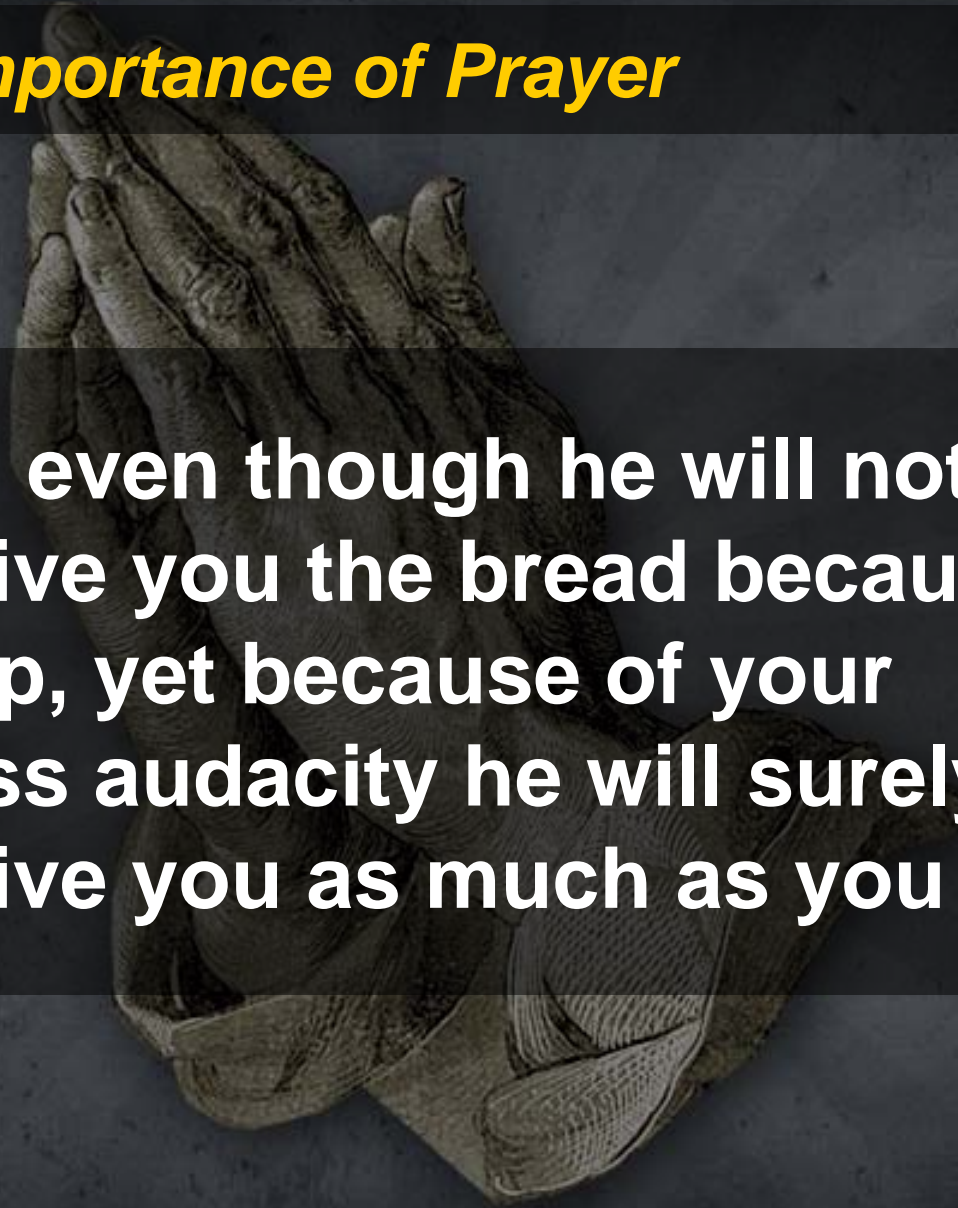
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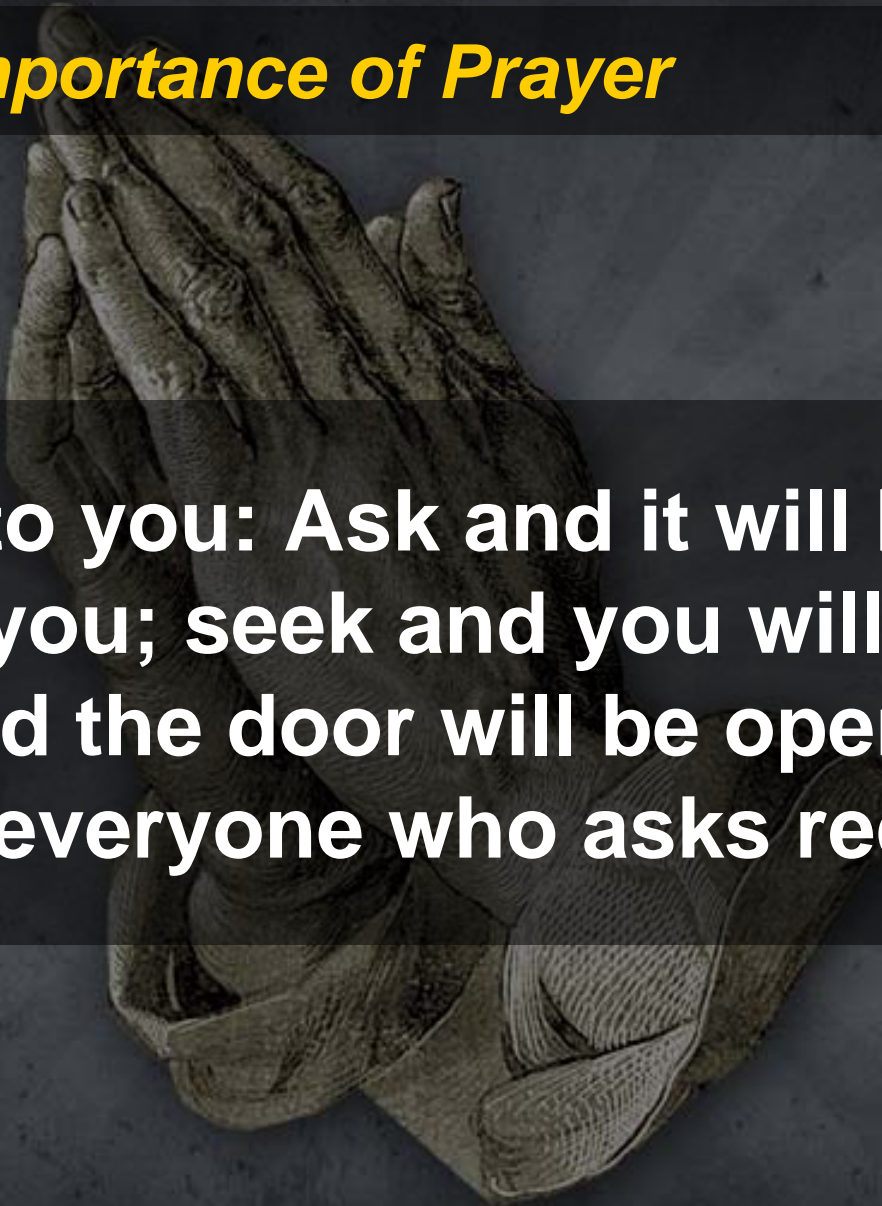
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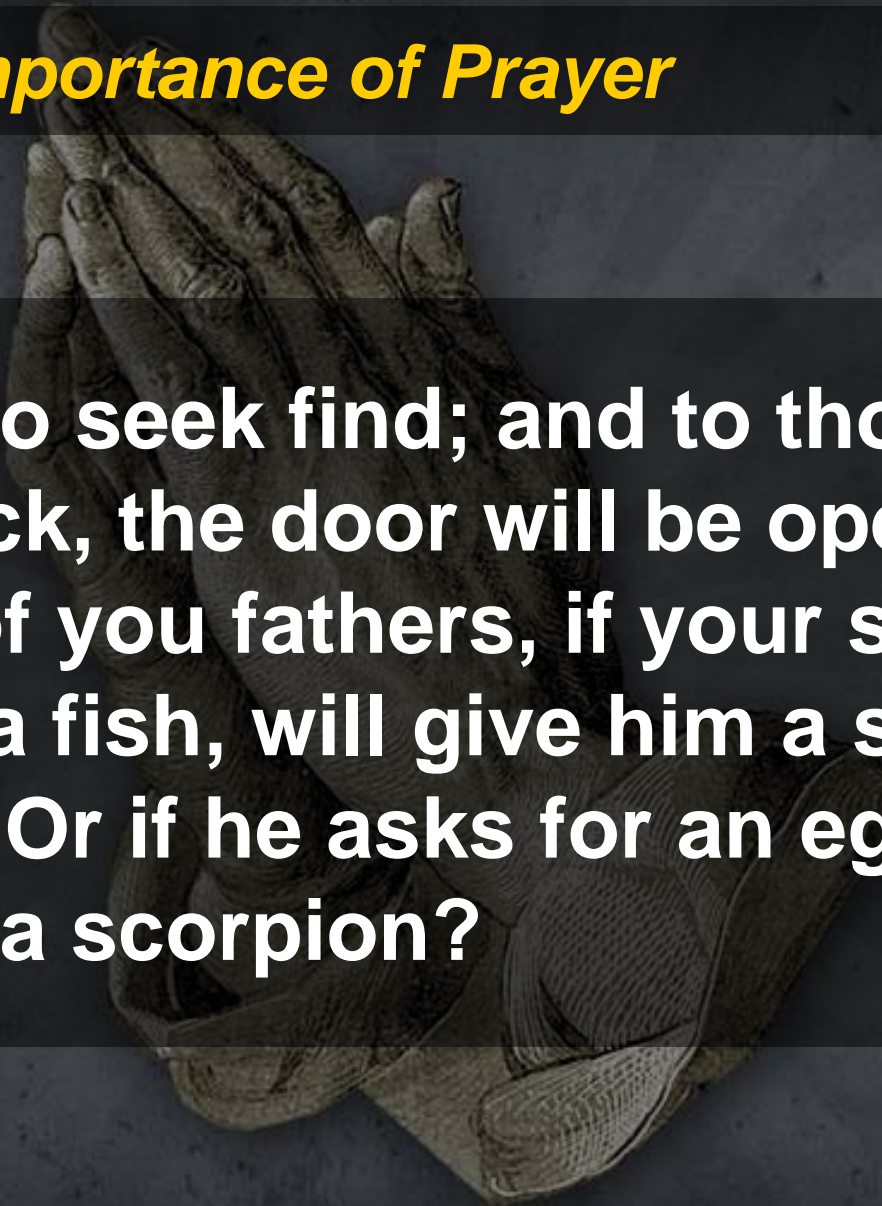
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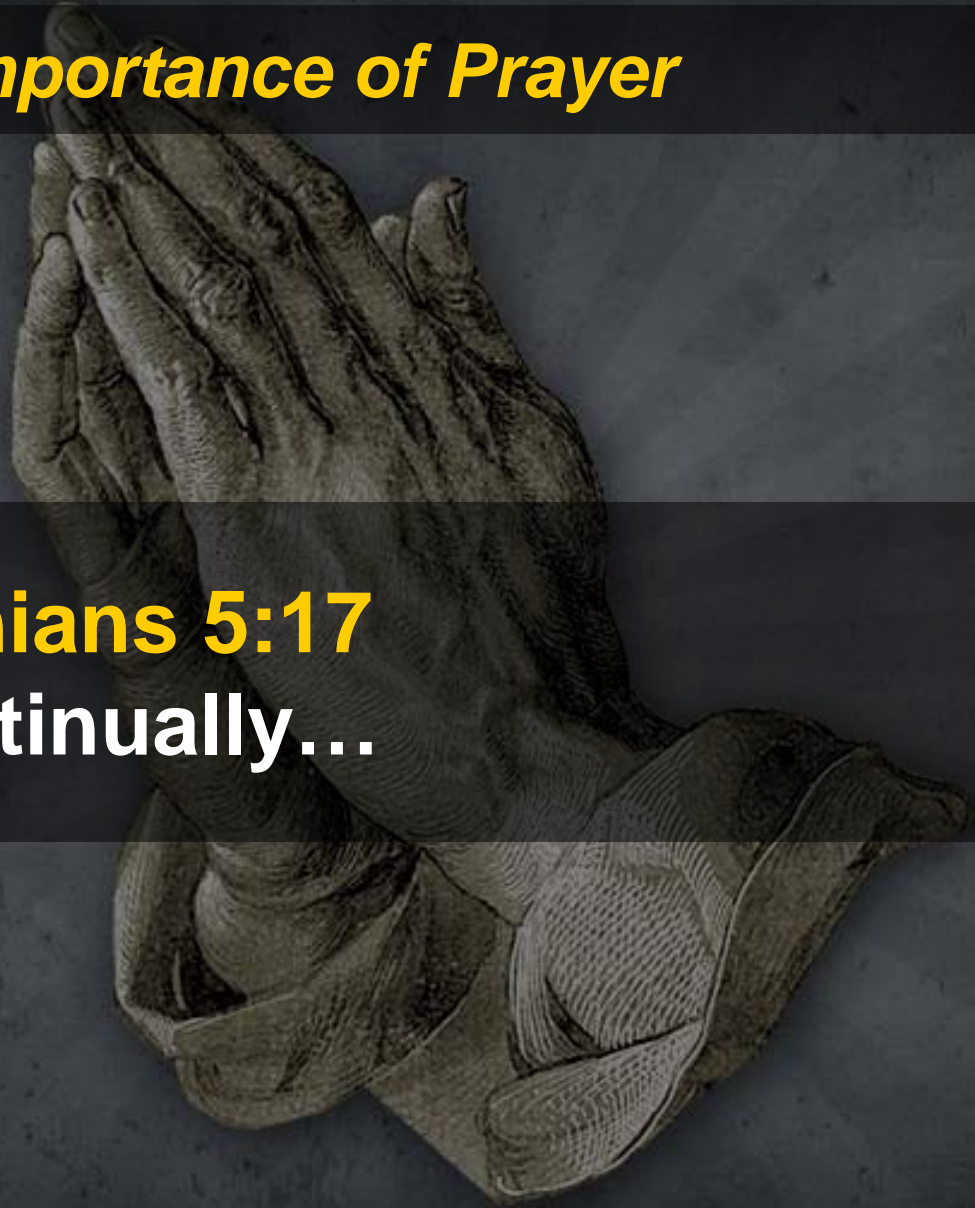
A pair of worn, brown leather gloves with fingers clasped together in a prayer position. The gloves are set against a dark, textured background. The lighting highlights the texture of the leather and the creases on the hands.

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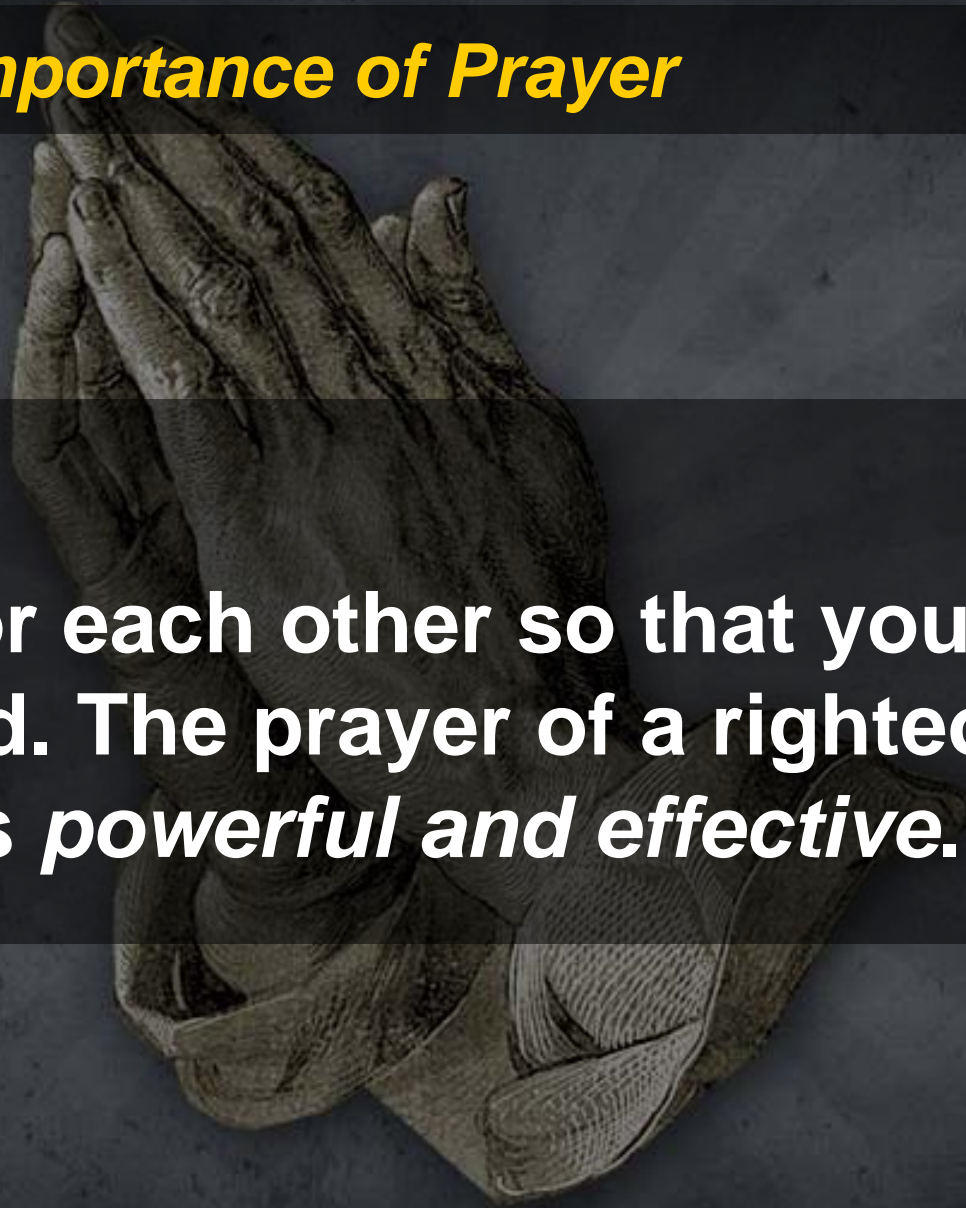
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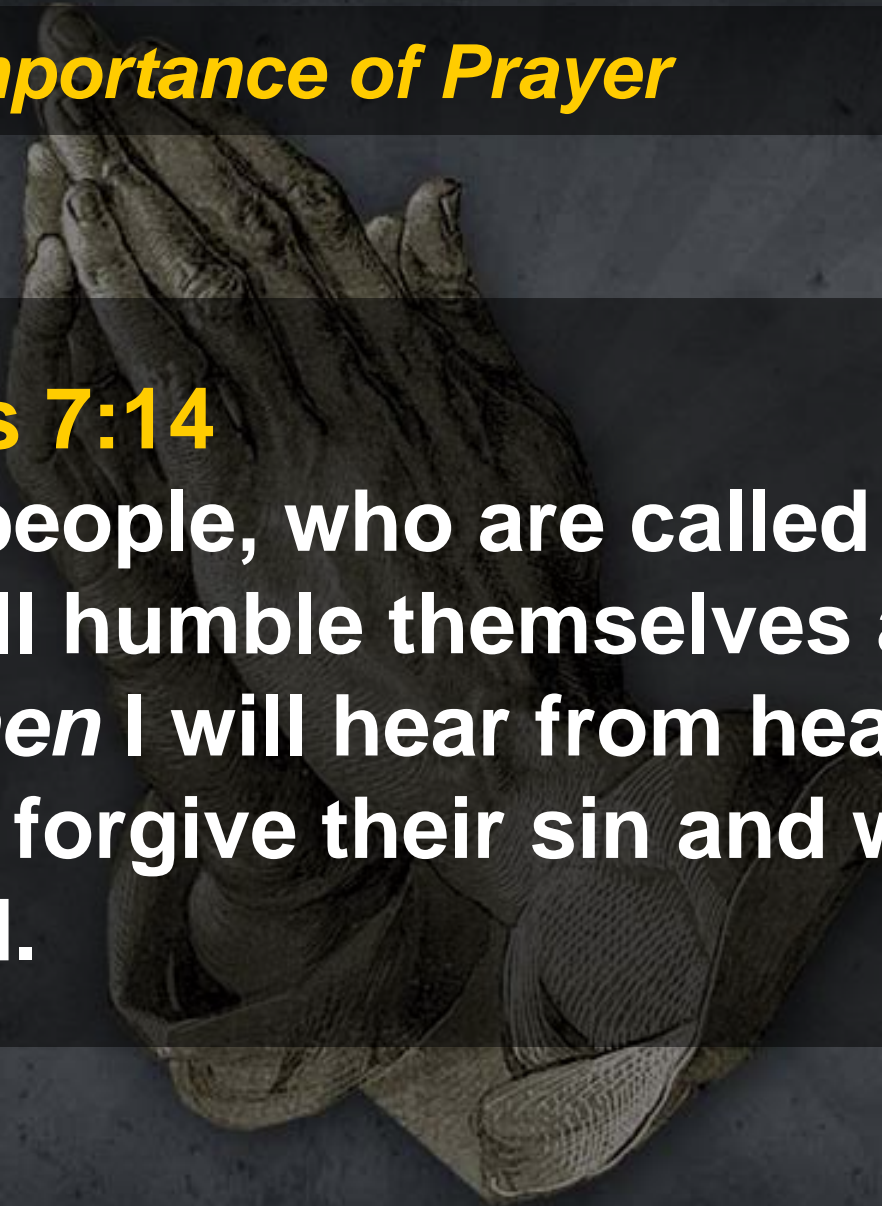
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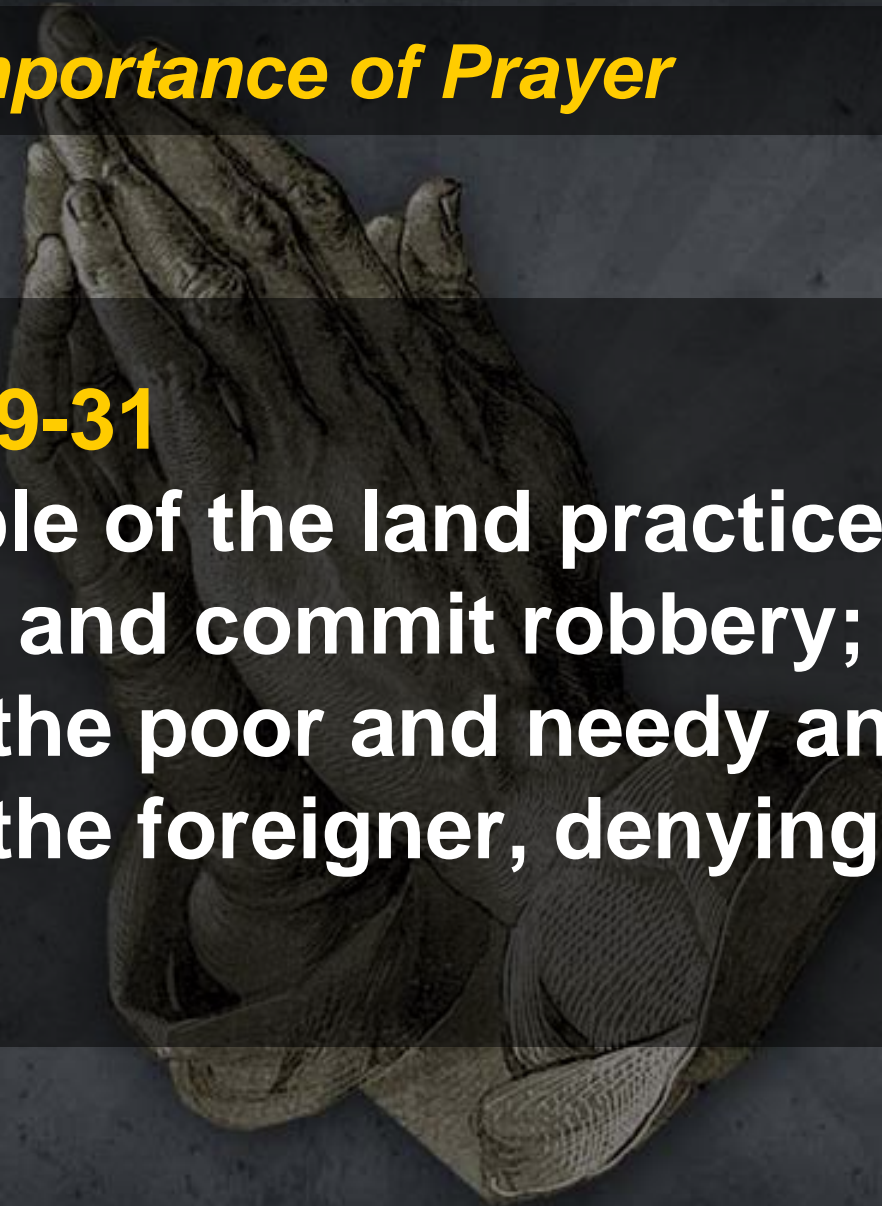
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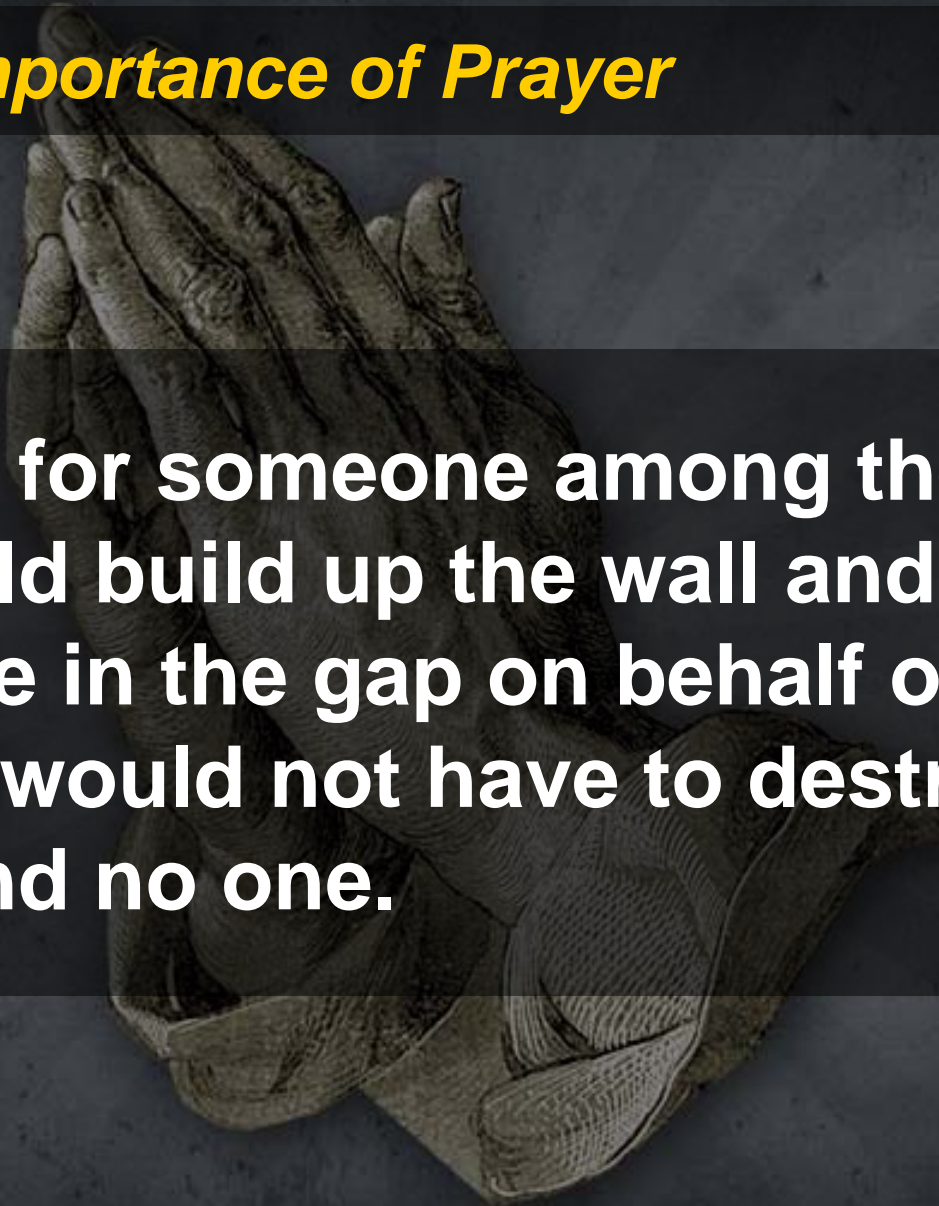
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Ezekiel 22:29-31

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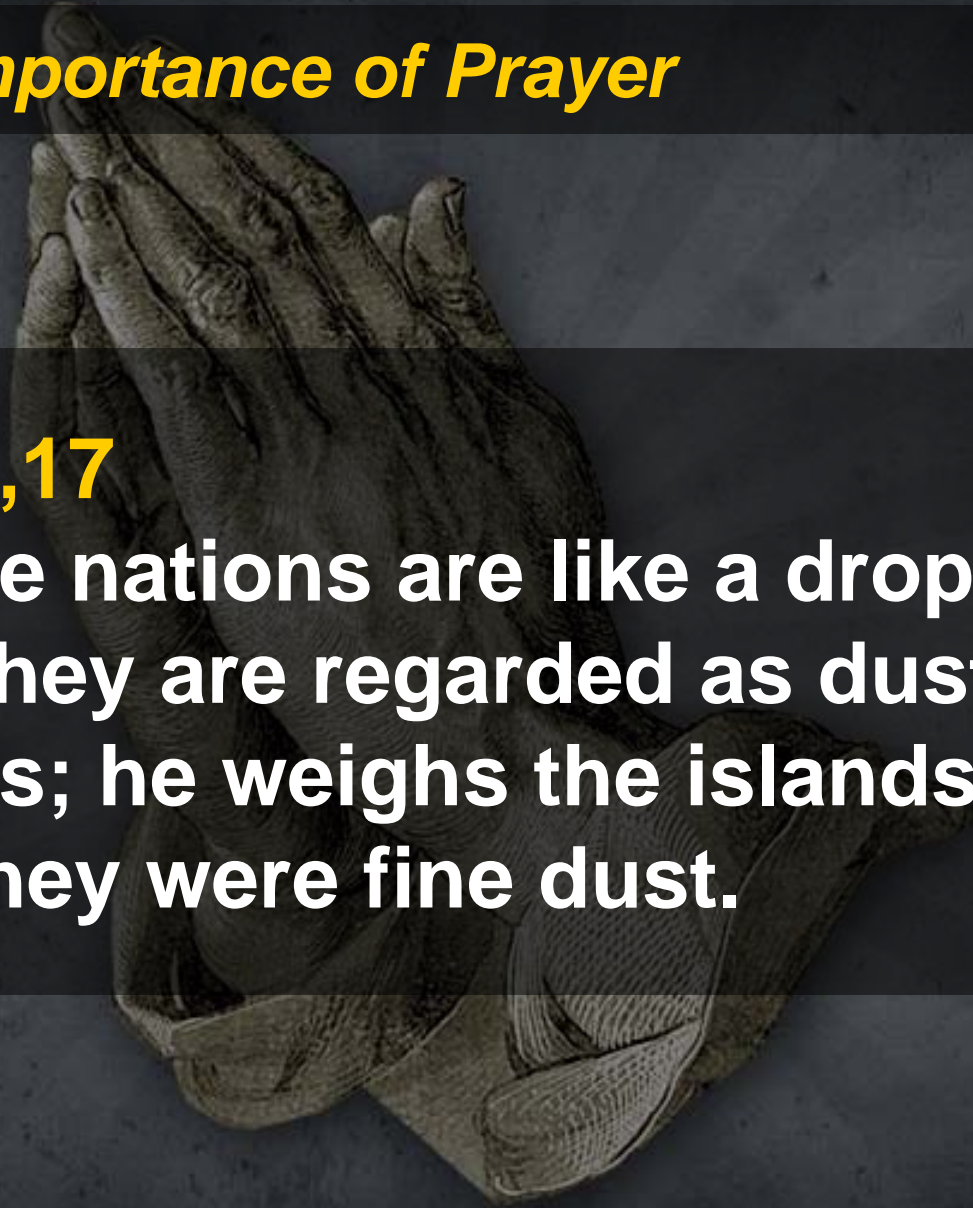
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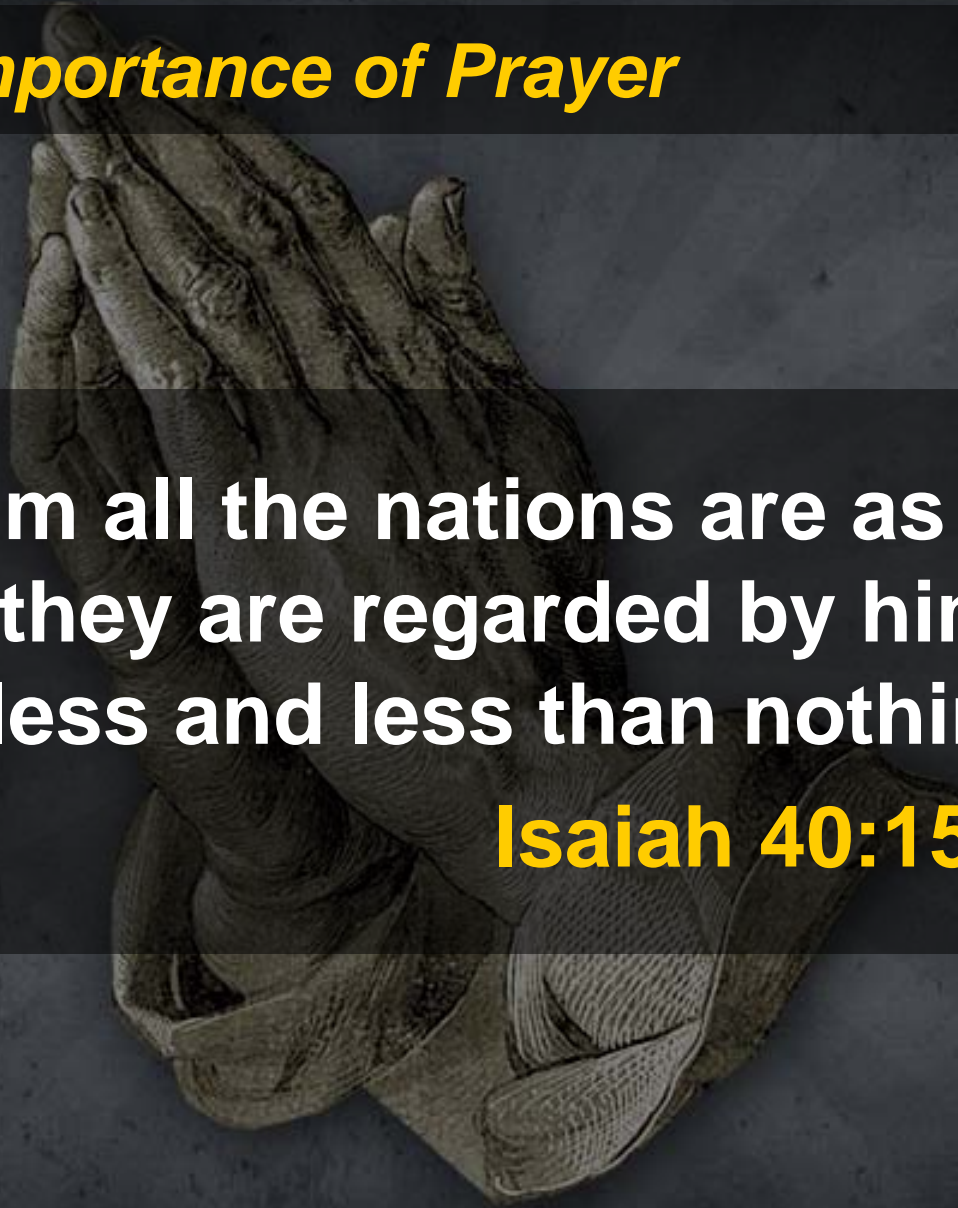
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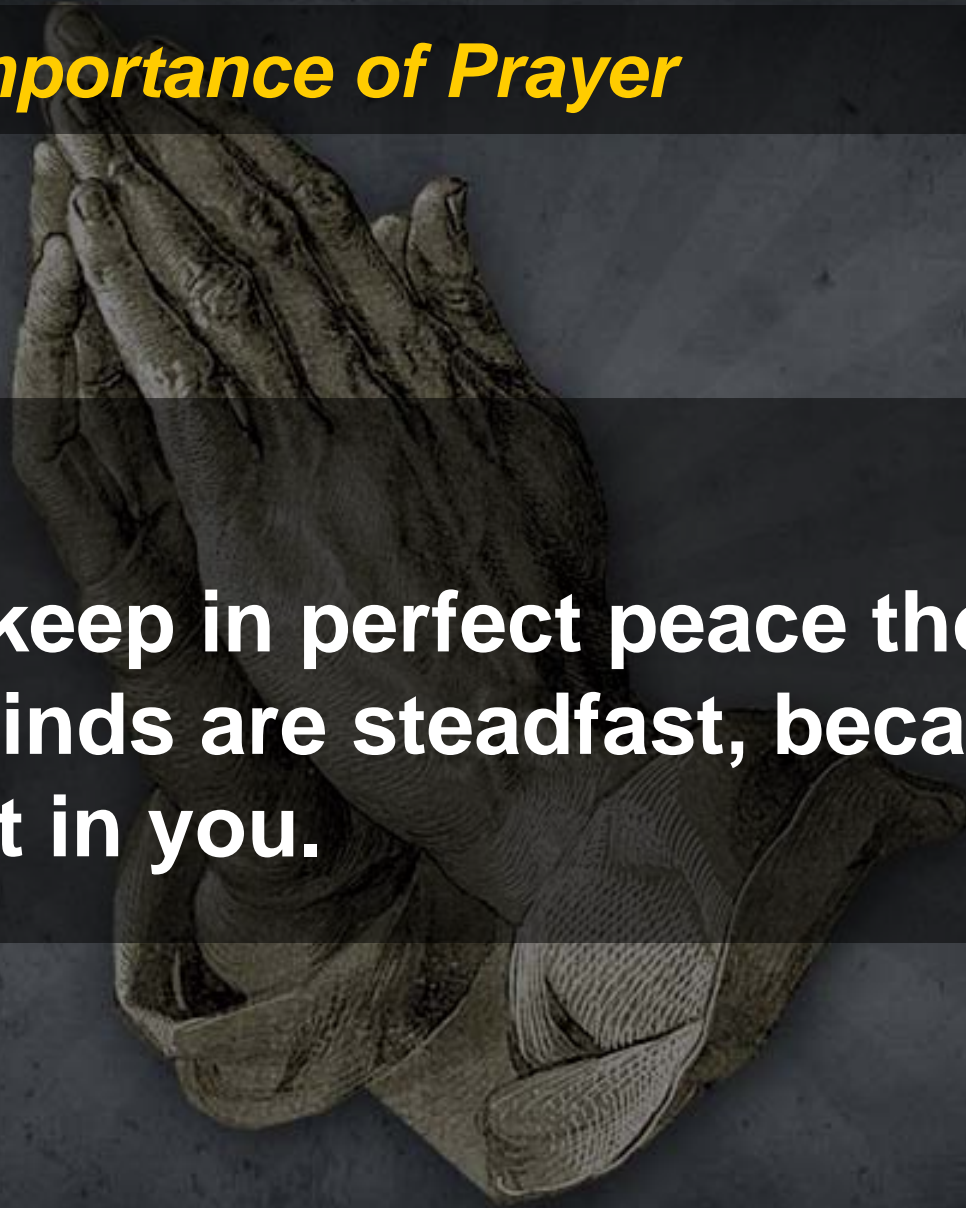
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