

# Praying in the Spirit

Praying by the Holy Spirit in your own language, tongues or inexpressible groans.

Romans 8:26-27 “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”

Praying in Tongues

**Promised to believers:** Mk 16:17, Matt 3:11, Acts 1:5, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:38-39

**Spiritual language:** Mk 16:17 (new=unheard of), Acts 2:1-13 (miracle of each hearing THEM in his own language), I Cor 13:1 (tongues of angels - spiritual languages)

**The spirit prays, not the mind:** I Cor 14:2, 14

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- communication with God
- mysteries (what you don’t know)
- edification - personal strengthening and alignment with God’s will

**Commanded:** Eph 6:18, Jude 20

**Benefits:**

- awareness of the indwelling Spirit of God
- personal strengthening
- ability to pray for unknown situations
- ability to pray the will of God without human interference
- option for when you don’t know what to pray