

Day Two

Pray

Read

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:9-13



We learnt that the first step towards changing our environment is prayer. But many times as Christians, we are the minority in our class, campus, company, community or city. While we know it is important to pray, sometimes our “smallness” can cause us to give up. We ask ourselves, “Can one person make a difference?” The answer is “Yes!” It is not about who is praying (you), but WHO you're praying to (God).

The Lord's Prayer starts with, “Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name...” Jesus wanted the disciples to understand that we are not the solution to the challenges in our world, but the power is in the fact that we have access to the one who IS the solution.

At the heart of it, prayer is submitting our will to be used by Him as part of the answer. Therefore, don't be discouraged by the people around us, even if they are Christians telling us our prayer technique is wrong or we are too young to make a difference. Prayer is us saying, “Here I am, God. I am weak; I am simple; I am young. But I am willing.”

This is important because we need to know that we cannot do anything on our own strength! Zechariah 4:6 says, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.” Prayer is a declaration that we are dependent on God, and without Him, our efforts will be utterly useless.



Mission

Gather in your Revo Group and spend some time in prayer! Encourage one another to not be afraid to pray short, simple but precise prayers because it's not about our vocabulary or our experience that will move God but our hearts that are sincere. Have faith like a child and see God move as the Big Daddy that He is.



Prayer

Our Father in heaven, Your name is the highest authority in all creation. May Your love and truth be seen, and Your purposes fulfilled in my school/campus/family/department/town as it is in heaven. Bless me today with everything I need to do Your will. Forgive my shortcomings and give us the grace to forgive others. Give me the discipline to turn away from temptation, and protect us from those who mean us harm, for You are the perfect answer and solution to everything. Always have been; always will be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

REVO STORY

Remember the bully who used to taunt us?

“These past few weeks, we’ve been having Bible study and prayer. Evan has been leading the upper secondary Revo Group and Sabrina has been leading the lower secondary Revo Group.

While we were doing our Bible study, a bully came and made a lot of noise, even to the extent of pulling a non-Christian out of the Group. However, in

our next Bible study, the non-Christian boy who got pulled away came back! Not only that he wasn't bothered by the bully, but the Group has experienced greater growth as more non-Christians became interested in who we were and what we were doing.

So far, Revo has brought three people to Christ. We have also received permission from the Headmistress to run a prayer rally right here in school – in the music room! She was very open about it and even gave us the best day, which is a Friday! A lot of people usually stay back at school on Fridays.

So on 7 August 2009, we held our first prayer rally in school. 60 people came. Sherry did a great job leading in worship and I spoke the message. A lot of people responded to the altar call, two people gave their lives to Christ and two rededicated their lives to Christ. Praise God!

Guess what? Remember the bully who used to taunt us and who pulled the non-Christian away from us? Well, he came to the prayer rally too!"

– John Lim Ji Xiong, *SMK Seksyen 4 Bandar Kinrara*

John, later on, planted a church at 18 years old when he went abroad for further studies in Bristol, United Kingdom. He has graduated and is now back in Malaysia, but Acts Bristol is still running their weekly worship services until today and has multiplied many times over.



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STORY**

Am I that ugly?

"During prayer service, a face kept flashing through my mind, she is the manager in a restaurant that we frequent often. I knew the Holy Spirit was

asking me to reach out to her. After prayer service, though I wasn't sure if the restaurant was still operating – or what exactly the Holy Spirit wanted me to do – I ran to the restaurant. Fortunately, the restaurant was still open and the manager was still present.

I stopped at the door and I thought, 'How do I start?' So I went in and asked her, 'Is there a membership? Can I sign up?' While signing up, I told her that I just came from church and in fact, during the service, her face kept appearing on my mind. Very surprised, she asked, 'Am I that ugly that you can't forget my face?' I immediately responded, 'No! It's because God loves you.'

"Really?" She asked in much amazement. 'God loves me?' 'Yes, Jesus loves you and that's why He kept showing me your face.' I continued, 'Is there anything I could pray for you?' Suddenly, she became teary-eyed and opened up about the difficulties she's facing.

I was actually quite apprehensive to pray for her right there and then, especially when all her workers were around us, listening in and watching. I was also a little concerned about how she would feel. 'Do it.' I heard from the Holy Spirit. As I held her hands and prayed for her, tears began to flow and I truly felt God's presence.

I am glad I obeyed and prayed for her even when others were watching, because someone experienced God's touch of love that night; and sometimes, we (the believers) need to be seen in order for the difference to be made." – *Shirley Liu, Administrator of Asian Youth Ambassadors (AYA)*

The whole conversation above was carried out in Mandarin. Thank God Revo isn't just limited to English.