

**Understanding the Power of Prayer**  
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Prayer and fasting is very important to the establishment of God's purpose on earth. The major reason for fasting is for empowerment. Afflictions are real, but more real is the power of prayer, (James 5:13-18).

There is a spirit behind every sickness, for instance, and prayer deals with that. God is willing to heal His children even when they have sins in their lives. Prayer does not just change situations, it also changes people, (Mathew 17:14-20). However, our prayer must be mixed with faith in order to be effective, (Exodus 34:29-30).

Prayer is a platform for supernatural turnarounds because there is power in communication with God, (Acts 6:4-7). Prayer and fasting is a platform for enforcing every one of our desired changes.

The altar of prayer is the altar of divine empowerment, (Psalm 63:1-3; Luke 11:13). God desires to empower His people.

The altar of prayer is also the altar of testimonies. Battles are real, but God fights our battles through our spiritual engagement, (Zechariah 8:20-23). When God is with us, we can be sure that our testimonies are sure. God is ready and willing to do what we ask, according to His will, (Philippians 1:19).

The altar of prayer is also the altar of fulfillment of prophecies. When we pray, there is an answer to whatever the enemy is doing in our lives and as we engage this season, our situations will turn.

We must remind ourselves that we are in a warfare and the enemy is not a gentleman, (1 Timothy 1:18). The devil is tricky and he has experience, so we must be rooted in the word and engaged in covenant practice to keep him where he belongs.

It's our New Dawn Era and God has brought us here to be a blessing to our generation. What eyes have not seen nor ears heard shall be the order of the day in our lives this year.

Prayer and fasting is a platform for continuous empowerment. We must continue to move from one level of glory to the other.