

# How to pray when we have too much to do

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So you have too much to do and too little time to do it in. I feel this way sometimes. The activities are important. They are necessary to our job, our home, our church. We are not wasting time in frivolous amusement. But there just aren't enough hours in the day to accomplish all the important things.

We could talk about time management. We could talk about prioritizing tasks and doing the most important task first rather than the easier one. We could talk about not procrastinating. We could talk about learning how to say no when people ask for your time and attention. But we can do all these things, and still need help.

The only answer is prayer. What is needed is not more time but more inspiration. Divine Mind already has a harmonious plan for you. God does not give us more than we can do, nor does He give us too little time to accomplish His work. Knowing this can encourage us to drop a personal sense of burden. Knowing that God orders our day and gives us the wisdom and gifts to accomplish the tasks in it, we stop wasting time worrying and start doing.

A lot of time is wasted worrying. Listen to your own thoughts. Are you rehearsing how much has to be done; how little time there is; how can I do it? Worrying is not only unproductive; worrying denies God.

If we immediately turn to God and pray for the wisdom, patience, ability to accomplish the job, we will waste less time doing nothing. God is the source of all right ideas and actions. The more quickly we turn to Him, the quicker we will start the job correctly. No wasted effort. No unproductive worrying.

God is the infinite supply of inspiration and guidance. He also creates a purpose for each idea. Each inspiration has a purpose and use. There is no useless idea of God. The inspiration of God accomplishes what God intends for it. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not

return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

God creates the perfect balance between supply and demand. For the abundant supply of right ideas, there is an equal but not excessive demand for them. There is not more demand than supply. Nor is there an over-supply with little demand. This is the divine economy in which each idea has a perfect purpose, place, and time.

I find great comfort in these verses, “For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye be burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality.” (II Corinthians 8:13,14)

God does not demand more of us than we are able to accomplish. If we need more inspiration, He provides what we need. When the children of Israel were led by God through the wilderness, God provided them food each day. This food, manna, appeared every morning. The people could have as much or as little as they needed. Some gathered a little. Some gathered more. But there was enough to meet each person’s need.

God, divine Love, is providing us with manna. Each day God gives us inspiration, encouragement, guidance. If the demands seem extraordinary, turn to God trusting that He has an extraordinary supply of right ideas. “Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need,” says Mary Baker Eddy. And that certainly includes guiding us to accomplish the right activities that God gives us to do.

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