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The Art of Prayer

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## **14. The Holy Spirit: Our Helper in Prayer**

This chapter explains what Romans 8:26 does and does not mean when it says the Spirit helps us pray. The Holy Spirit does not pray for us; He takes hold together with us against our weakness. The point: prayer stays our responsibility, and the Spirit supplies the ability to do it.

### **Key takeaways**

- The Greek word for 'helpeth' means 'to take hold against, together with' — the Spirit grabs the other end, but only after we take hold first.
- It is wrong to say the Spirit does our praying for us. That would make Him responsible for our prayer life, which the Bible does not teach.
- 'Comforter' (parakletos) means 'one called alongside to help' — Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby.
- As with witnessing, the Spirit gives ability; we do the work. We pray with His power, but we still pray.

## Passages worth keeping

*“The Holy Spirit is not sent to do the Christians' work for them; He is sent to help them do it.”*

States the chapter's whole thesis in one line.

## Scripture referenced

- **Romans 8:26,27** -- The Spirit 'helpeth' — takes hold together with us in prayer
- **John 14:16-18,26** -- The Comforter who abides, teaches, and reminds
- **Acts 1:8** -- Receiving 'power' (ability) to be witnesses