



PRAYER POINTERS

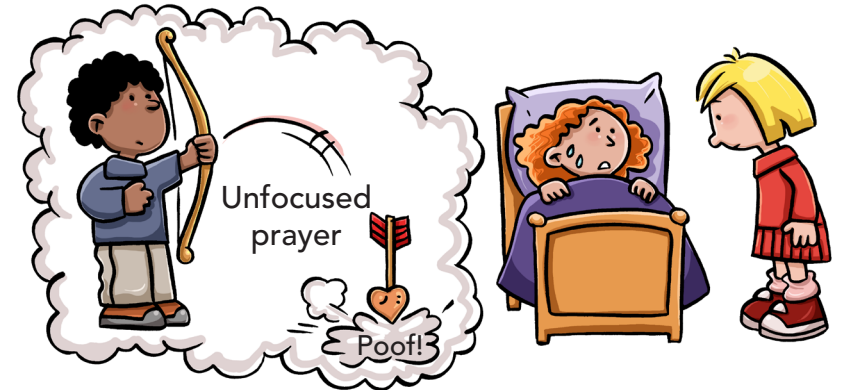
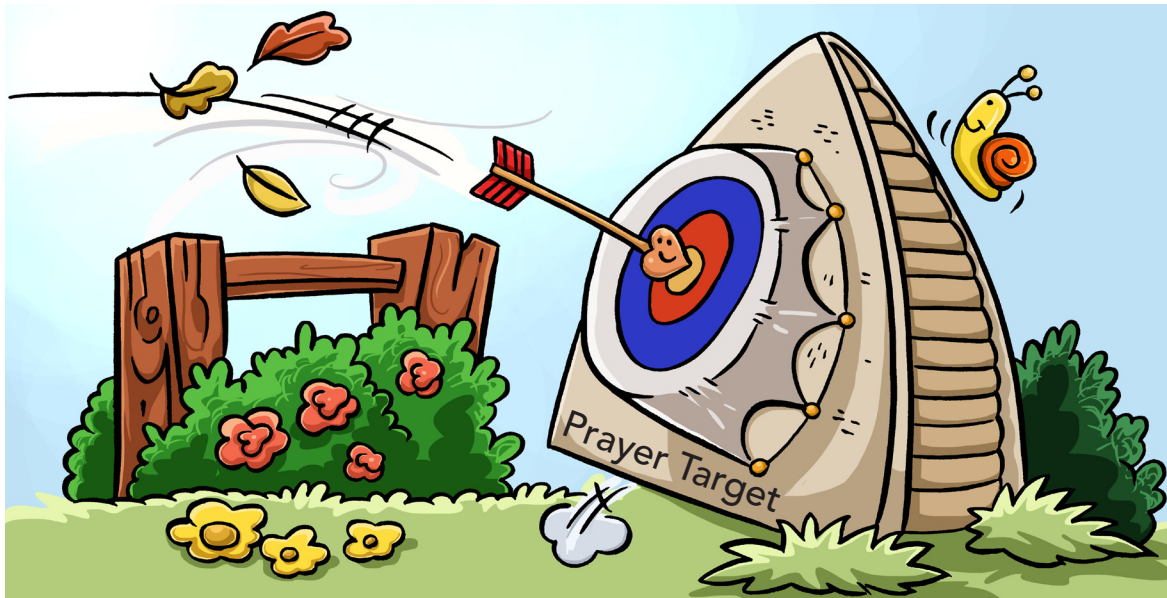
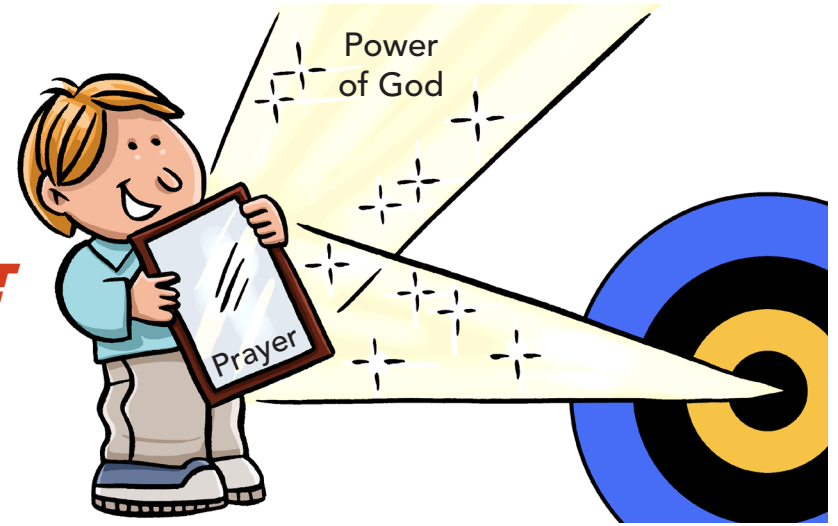
PRAYING ON TARGET

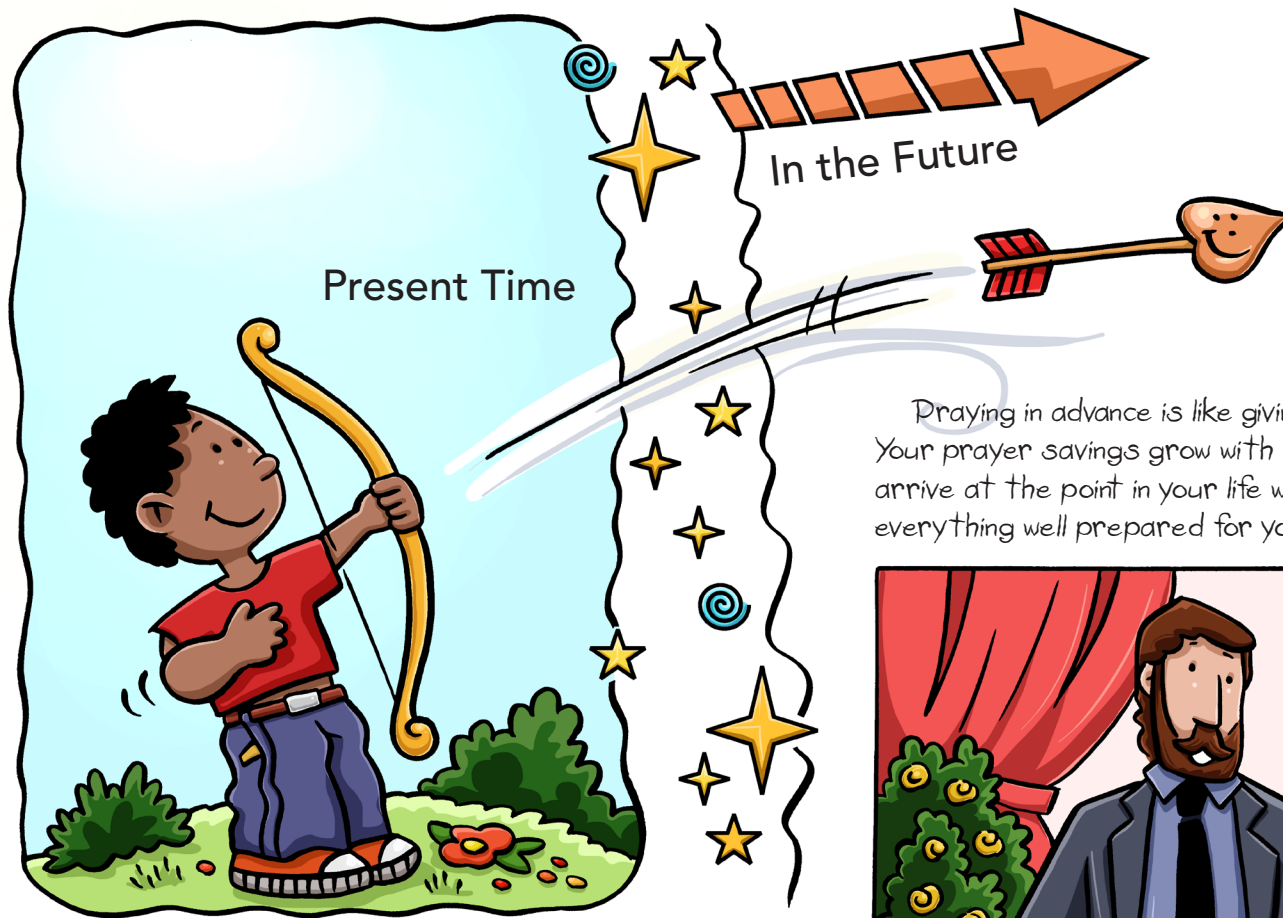
To pray on target is to aim your prayer for a specific need. You can do this by:

- ♦ applying God's promises (Bible verses) and focusing your prayers on who or what you are praying for,
- ♦ explaining to Jesus what you want to happen.

BIBLE STORY:

Read how a lame man was healed in answer to Peter and John's targeted prayer in Acts 3:1-10.





PRAYING IN ADVANCE

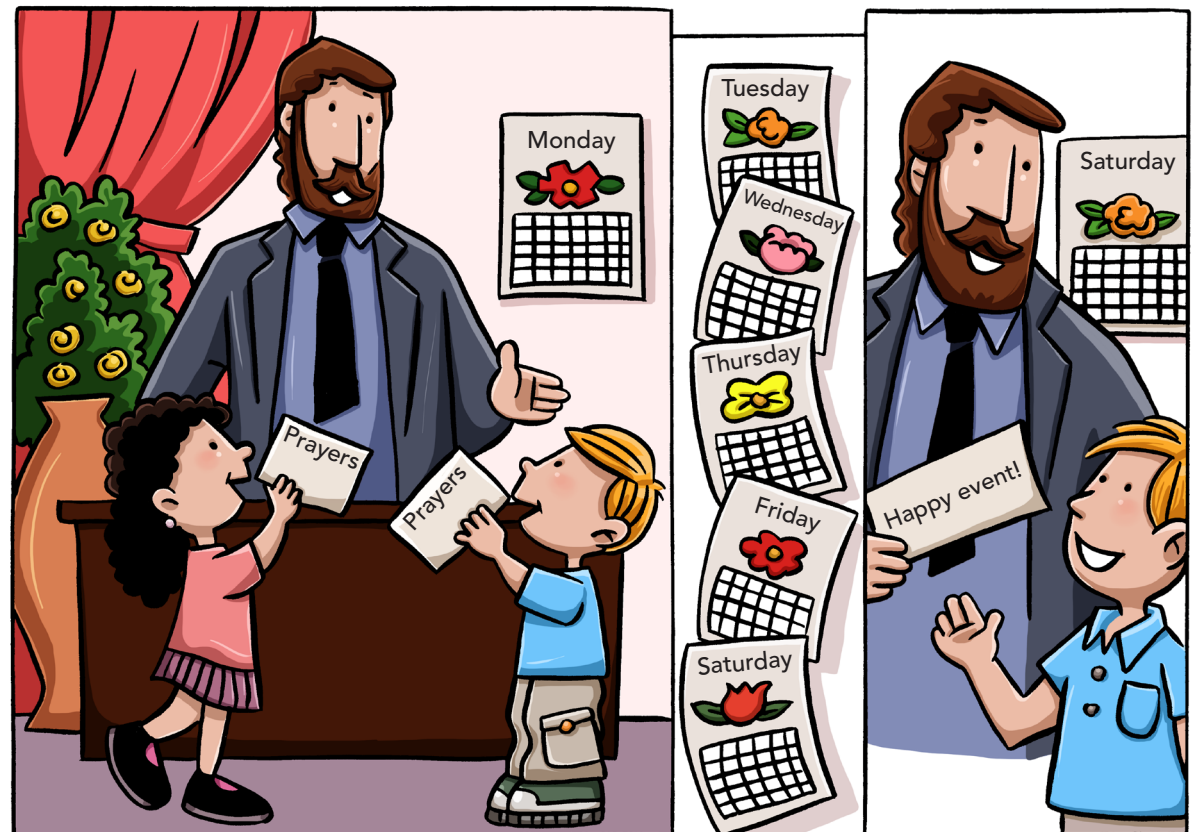
When you pray in advance, you are asking Jesus to take care of things that you have yet to face and that you wouldn't be able to take care of on your own.

Have you ever saved money in order to have enough to buy a special item? Maybe you put the money in a piggy bank or gave it to your parent to save for you until you had enough for that item.

Praying in advance is like giving Jesus your prayers in advance of a specific event. Your prayer savings grow with each additional prayer about the subject. Then, once you arrive at the point in your life when the answers to prayer are needed, Jesus will have everything well prepared for you.

BIBLE STORY:

Do you know the Bible story about Queen Esther? For three days before she approached King Ahasuerus to ask him to save her Jewish relatives, friends, and neighbors, Mordecai, her uncle, had the Jewish people in the area pray for her meeting with the king. God answered their prayers by giving Queen Esther a successful visit with the king, and her people were saved. (See Esther 1-10.)



Jesus, You have answered my prayers before and I know You will again!

Jesus, I'm excited about what You're going to do!

It's exciting to watch You fulfill Your promises!

Jesus, You do wonderful things for me!



You have Jesus, the King of the universe, as a very close friend who wants to take good care of you and those you pray for! Get excited about that!

Praise draws down the power of God that is needed to answer your prayer.

BIBLE STORIES:

You can read the Bible story about a battle won through joyful praise and song in "A Strategy Like None Other."

Another story of prayer and praise bringing the victory is when an earthquake took place in the prison holding Paul and Silas while they prayed and sang songs of praise. You can read that story in Acts 16:25-26.

PRAYING WITH JOY

To pray with joy means praying with happiness. You can do this when praying by being sure to thank and praise Jesus for His goodness.

When you're praying, here are some things you can do that will show Jesus that you're happy:

- ◆ Tell Jesus how awesome He is to do such a wonderful miracle.
- ◆ Remind yourself of a time when Jesus answered another of your prayers, or a time He answered a prayer in a Bible story.
- ◆ Pray with excitement and joy.



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