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Carrie: Welcome to 'Singapore Heartbeat'! The program that brings you a range of Christian perspectives. You're with me, Carrie-ann.

Prayer is an essential act of communication with God for everyone.

How much do you know about the power of prayer?

Reverend James Singh, a man who earnestly seeks the heart of God, is an Evangelist who cuts across denominational lines to network with larger Christian Community around the world so as to build God's Kingdom on earth. He brings us to a deeper understanding on Prayer.

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Carrie: Rev James, talking about the power of prayer, how powerful is prayer?

Rev James: In the churches today, there is so much emphasis on prayer. That tells us that prayer is very powerful because the day the church started in prayer, in book of Acts; it's still being involved with prayer till now. So prayer is powerful because we've seen revival that comes through the land where people pray, souls being saved, demon being cast out, the sick being healed. So we can conclude that prayer is powerful and is still powerful when God's people continue to pray.

Carrie: How can people tap into the power of prayer?

Rev James: Now that's a very important question that you post to me. People can tap into power of prayer; basically first they need to discipline themselves in prayer. Many times, many Christians have head knowledge on prayer but they never make the time, the effort, and the discipline. Once they discipline themselves in prayer and continue to pray, giving themselves time let's say for example everyday about twenty minutes. And from that twenty minutes they began to extend the time and as they move on, the spiritual momentum will began to catch up in their hearts and later on in their lives they'll have the need and urge to pray because they build themselves and they stir themselves in prayer and they desire and God gives them the desires of their hearts.

Carrie: So for what kind of things should people pray about?



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Rev James: I believe in my heart that we need to pray because of our need for God in our lives. That's the number one- our need for God. That we need Him. Jesus gives us a very clear and simple basic principle of prayer that is in Matthew chapter 6, "pray that our Father in heaven...", that itself tells us that we need to acknowledge that God is our mighty creator. God is our Father. We can call up to God in a time of need. So we need to pray. To look to God in prayer, seeking Him- who He is, rather than what we can get from Him.

Carrie: How should people pray? Some say you should kneel, some say you don't have to. Some need to close their eyes or to stand or do they need to speak in formal words?

Rev James: Especially when we come to prayer, men will make a lot of rules and regulations, methods and they impose upon their congregation of beliefs. But I believe in my heart, a believer, a Christian, must feel free in whatever posture he prays or she prays. But at the same time, they have to also be very sensitive to the leading of the Lord in the mode of prayer. Maybe that very hour, the very minute the Lord wants them to kneel down and pray and seek the face of Lord. Even in my life, when I begin to pray, sometimes I just sit and pray but sometimes I felt I just want to kneel down and just bow down and just kneel on my knees and pray. So I feel we should be very open to what the Holy Spirit has for us in the hour of prayer rather than giving a set formula and say this is it, when you pray in this manner then you'll be spiritual, you don't pray in this manner then you're not spiritual. And in the end it'll become a ritual rather than flowing out from our hearts.

Carrie: You've just heard Reverend James Singh, a Singapore Evangelist, who brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to far flung corners of the nations.

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