

# FIRESTARTERS

## Eight Reasons to Pray in Tongues

1. **Tongues is the evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit.** This is shown 3 times in Acts: in Chapter 2, on the day the church was born; in Chapter 10, about 10 years later, when Peter ministered to the Gentiles; in Chapter 19, about 20 years later, when Paul laid hands on the believers in Ephesus. In each of these passages, the Bible specifically says the people spoke with tongues.
2. **Tongues is your personal prayer language.** As we find in 1 Cor. 14:2, when you speak in tongues, you are speaking supernaturally to God. Your spirit prays, but your mind does not understand. Your spirit is the real you – your inner man – and it is that inner person (the real you) who is talking to God.
3. **With tongues, you magnify God.** To magnify God is to make Him great. Acts 10:46 says, “They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.”
4. **Tongues strengthens you.** In 1 Cor. 14:4, it says, “A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally.” When you pray in tongues, you are building spiritual strength within yourself. Jude links praying in tongues with being built up spiritually, “But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit.” Jude 1:20
5. **Tongues brings gladness in singing.** In 1 Cor. 14:15, Paul wrote, “Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.” Singing with the spirit becomes a source of gladness in singing unto the Lord.
6. **Tongues is a source of intercessory prayer.** Intercessory praying is one of the greatest spiritual undertakings. Romans 8:26 says, “The Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” When interceding for non-believers, you’re “standing in the gap” – pulling them out of the kingdom of darkness and bringing them into the Kingdom of Light.
7. **Tongues is a source of spiritual refreshing.** The Lord wants us to maintain a continual experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Isaiah prophesied not only about the coming Messiah and the plan of redemption which Jesus would consummate, but also about the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, “For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing.” Isaiah 28:11-12. Tongues provides a spiritual stamina that comes only from God.
8. **Speaking and ministering to the Lord in tongues is somewhat like a repository of profit.** As is stated in 1 Cor. 12:7, “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all*.” Through tongues, God can bring into your life an enrichment and a spiritual blessing you have never known before as you realize and experience a new nearness to God.

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