Two Key Elements for Powerful Prayers

1. Pray With Proper Motives (Matt. 8:2)
   What motivates us to pray? Proper motivation is praying with God's will in mind, and we can be sure that His will is for us to know Jesus. In Matt. 8:2 the leper asks Jesus to heal Him, but the way in which he asks Jesus is telling. He says, "Lord, you have the power to heal me if you want." That's another way of saying, "Lord, if it's your will, you can heal me." Consider the following verses:
   "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15.7).
   "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5.14-15).

2. Pray With Proper Priorities (Mark 2:1-12)
   A paralytic is lowered through the roof by his friends but Jesus cleanses him of his sin first, then mends his physical problem. What is God's will? Your spiritual wellbeing. Prioritize your prayer life by placing spiritual health at the top.

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