



## **PRAYER**

What's the point of prayer?

Consider your best friend or any other person you spend a great deal of your leisure time talking with.

Why do you talk with that person and what does a typical conversation consist of?

If God is in control and does whatever he deems best, does prayer actually change anything?

**James 4:2 (NIV)**

*You do not have, because you do not ask God.*

What are some keys to effective prayers?

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)**

*...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 11:22-24 (NIV)**

*<sup>22</sup>"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup>"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_



**John 14:13-14 (NIV)**

*<sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 37:4 (NIV)**

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

**Key:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are some things that might hinder your prayers from being answered?**

**Psalm 66:18 (NLT)**

*If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.*

**Hindrance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**James 4:3 (NLT)**

*And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

**Hindrance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are some examples of wrong motives in your prayer life?**

**James 1:6 (NLT)**

*But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

**Hindrance:** \_\_\_\_\_



What are some of the answers that God gives to prayers?

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer is not ultimately about getting things done.  
It is about building an intimate relationship with God.**

**Luke 11:1 (NLT)**

*Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."*

Why do you think Jesus' disciple asked him how to pray?

Jesus responded by giving what we call "The Lord's Prayer".

**Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)**

*This, then, is how you should pray:*

***"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,***

***<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

***<sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread.***

***<sup>12</sup>Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

***<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."***

How is this prayer an instruction on how to pray?



Was this intended to be a prayer that just gets recited over and over?

If this is a model prayer, what are the concepts that Jesus is modeling for us?  
What does each phrase teach us?

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hallowed be your name:

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your kingdom come:

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your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

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Give us today our daily bread:

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Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors: \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 6:14-15**, *“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”*

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one: \_\_\_\_\_



**What is a common theme that runs through the following verses?**

**Acts 1:14 (NLT)**

*They all met together continually for prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.*

**Acts 2:42 (NLT)**

*They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer.*

**Acts 4:24 (NLT)**

*Then all the believers were united as they lifted their voices in prayer: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them..."*

**The Believers prayed \_\_\_\_\_**

**Why is praying together so important? Why do we ask others to pray for us? Is it because the more people we can get on our side, the more God will pay attention and perhaps answer our prayer?**

**HOME STUDY:**

**Read: Continue reading Exodus through to 2 Kings.**

The goal is to gain an overview of the story of the Bible. When you come to passages detailing the tabernacle structures, laws, or rites, simply scan them for now and proceed to the next narrative section to pick up the continuation of the story.