

Prayer- The Privilege of Every Believer

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IF GOD KNOWS OUR NEEDS, WHY DOESN'T HE JUST GIVE IT TO US?

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” Mat. 7:7-8

"Prayer is a way we become aware of and experience God's presence and character. ... Through prayer, we meet and connect with God."



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- 1. The Bible Teaches Us to Pray. (God Commands Us to Pray.) Luke 18:1-8; Phil. 4:16-17; Prayer is obedience!
- 2. Jesus Prayed., setting us a great example. Mark. 1:35
- 3. The Early Church Prayed. Acts 1:14; 2:42
- 4. Prayer Is a Demonstration of Our Faith in a Loving God



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- 5. We Pray to Acknowledge Our Dependence on Him- “Prayer is as necessary for us as it is necessary for a beggar to ask alms.”
- 6. Prayer Gives Us Power Over Evil
 - “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” – Matthew 26:41
- 7. God Responds To The Prayers of His People.
 - The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results. — James 5:16b (NLT)



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- 8. God Invites Us to Pray
 - Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. —
Matthew 11:28 (NLT)
- 9. Prayer Glorifies God
- “And he leaping up stood, and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking leaping and praising God.” Acts 3:8



Never give up! Keep praying!
Let Your TEST become Your TESTimony!
Let your MESS become your MESSage!