

When you pray...

Luke 11:1-10; Matt 6:5-15

Outline

- What is prayer?
- Why do we need to pray or what is the purpose of prayer?
- Is there a right way or wrong way to pray?
- Wrong use of prayer.
- Different types of prayer in the bible.
- Praying effectively. What is that?
- Hindrances to prayer.
- What if God does not answer my prayer?
- Praying and fasting.

Different types of prayer in the bible

- Prayer of relinquishment
- Prayer of faith
- Corporate prayer or prayer of agreement
- Supplication or request
- Prayer of thanksgiving
- Prayer of worship or praise or adoration
- Prayer of consecration
- Prayer of intercession
- Prayer of imprecation
- Prayer of invocation
- Praying in the spirit

What is prayer?

- The most basic definition of prayer is “talking to God.” Prayer is direct address to God.
- It is the communication of the human soul with the Lord who created the soul.
- Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to have fellowship with the Father and to communicate his/her emotions (how you feel **Heb 4:14-16**) and desires (what you need **Luke 11:9-13**) with God and to fellowship with God.

What is the purpose of prayer?

Why do we need to pray?

What is the purpose of prayer? Luke 11:1-10

- Prayer is His invitation to get to know God.
 - Prayer is a privilege and an opportunity for relationship with the Father of all spirits. God is far above us, completely holy and only comprehensible inasmuch as He reveals Himself to us. Just as friends and family members spend time talking with one another to deepen their relationships, so prayer deepens our relationship with God. **Luke 11: Does God hear sinners when they pray? John 9:30-31**
- Prayer is a way to strengthen our relationship with God.
 - (**Luke 6:12; Matt 14:23**). Those in relationships will naturally seek to communicate with each other, and prayer is our time of communication with God.

What is the purpose of prayer?

- Prayer is an act of worship to God. He commands us to pray.
 - When we pray to the Lord, recognizing Him for who He is and what He has done, it is an act of worship. **2 Kings 19:15, 1 Chronicles 17:20, Psalm 86:12–13, John 12:28, and Romans 11:33–36.**
- How we pray should reflect this purpose; our focus should be on who God is, not on ourselves.

What is the purpose of prayer?

- Jeremiah 10:23; Prov 16:1; 20:24; Matt 6:9-10
- “The immediate purpose of prayer is the accomplishing of God’s will on earth; the ultimate purpose of prayer is the eternal glory of God”

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- This overall reason includes synchronizing with God's will in any present-day situation as He forms us into His image. Prayer's purpose is not to force or cajole God to go along with our narrow and shortsighted idea of what we think is going on.
- Submitting to the Father’s will: “Yet not as I will, but as you will” (Matt 26:39). With any request we have, we must submit to God’s will.

There are many other purposes of prayer in these verses?

- Ezra 8:21-23
- Matt 7:7-8; 21:21-22
- Matt 9:37-38
- Matt 5:44
- Matt 26:41
- Rom 10:1; 15:30-32
- 2 Cor. 1:8-11
- Col 4:2-4; 12
- Phil 4:6-7

- Deliverance
- Pray for Needs and desires
- Harvest
- Pray for enemies
- Against temptation
- deliverance from problem brethren
- Death
- Laboring for the word
- For peace / anxiety

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- James 5:14-15
- Acts 28:8-10
- Mark 9:29
- Acts 12:5,12; 16:25-26; 9:40
- James 1:5
- Acts 13:2-3
- Col 1:9-10; Eph 1:17
- Luke 22:32; 21:36
- 2 Thess. 3:1
- Pray for the sick
- Miraculous healing
- Casting out demon
- When brethren are in trouble
- Wisdom
- Choosing leaders
- Pray for growth
- Temptation
- That the word will spread

Why do we
need to pray
as Christians
when the
scripture says
God knows our
needs?

- Matt 6:8; 32
- Ps 38:9; 69:17-19

- James 4:2-4
- Daniel 9:20-23; 10:1-14
- Eph 6:10-12
- James 5:16

Is there a right way or wrong way
to pray?

Matt 6:5-15

Is there anything
Christians
shouldn't pray for
or pray about?

I Jn 5:14-16

James 5:16

Matt 6:25

Matt 6:33-34 (Message)