

HOW TO PRAY

AND GET WHAT YOU PRAY FOR





MATTHEW 6:5-15

5. “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6.** But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what...



MATTHEW 6:5-15

...is done in secret, will reward you. 7. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9. “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be...



MATTHEW 6:5-15

...your name, 10. your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11. Give us today our daily bread. 12. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.



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- **Verses 5-6: selfish recognition**
- **See Luke 18:10-14**





LUKE 18:10–14

10. “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11.** The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. **12.** I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ **13.** “But the tax collector stood...



LUKE 18:10-14

...at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ 14. “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



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- **Verses 7-8: useless repetition**
- **See Luke 18:1-8**





LUKE 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3. And there was a widow in that town who...



LUKE 18:1-8

...kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' **4.** **"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, 5. yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that...**



LUKE 18:1-8

...she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"

6. And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8. I tell you,...



LUKE 18:1-8

...he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”



5 INSIGHTS FOR **EFFECTIVE** PRAYER



THE **RIGHT** WAY TO PRAY

1. VERSE 9: HONOR GOD

**Prayer is dialogue (not monologue)
rooted in relationship with our loving
Heavenly Father! He is worthy! Remain
thankful! "Nestle don't wrestle!"**



JOHN 16:23-24

23. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Always honor the Father by praying in the Name of His Son!



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**2. VERSE 10: BASE YOUR PRAYER
ON THE WORD / WILL OF GOD**

- **See 1 John 5:14–15**





1 JOHN 5:14-15

14. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.



JAMES 1:5-8

5. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6.** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7.** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8.** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

- **WISDOM**



1 JOHN 5:12-13

12. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. Concluding Affirmations 13. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- ASSURANCE OF SALVATION



PSALM 103:2-3

**2. Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefit**

**3. who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,**

- HEALTH AND HEALING



THE **RIGHT** WAY TO PRAY

**3. VERSE 11: PRAY
WITH ASSURANCE
GOD IS CONCERNED
FOR YOUR DAILY
NEEDS**





JAMES 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Faith is a fact but also an act. "Faith without corresponding action is dead"



MARK 2:5

**When Jesus saw their faith,
he said to the paralyzed
man, “Son, your sins are
forgiven.”**

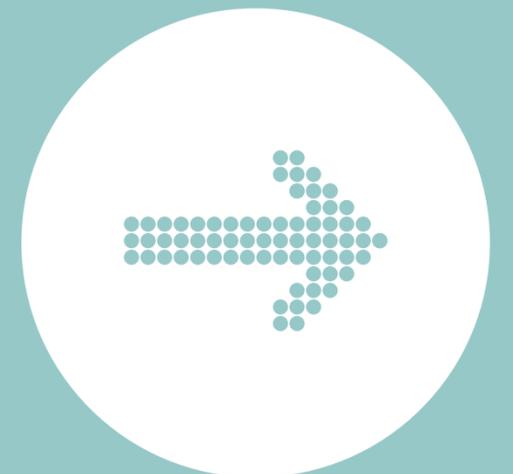
**Remember the paralytic who was healed
when his friends lowered him through the
ceiling? Jesus “saw their faith”**



THE **RIGHT** WAY TO PRAY

**4. VERSES 12,14-15: REMOVE ALL
HINDRANCES WHEN YOU PRAY**

- **See John 3:21–22**
- **See James 4:3**





1 JOHN 3:21-22

21. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22. and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.



JAMES 4:3

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Unbelief? Wrong motives? Disunity/strife at home? Withholding our giving? Unforgiveness and bitterness?



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5. VERSE 13: PETITION TO DEFEAT TEMPTATION

- **3 areas:**

the world

the flesh

the devil



JESUS FACED **ALL THREE** IN THE WILDERNESS

- **WORLD** - throw self off temple
- **FLESH** - turn stones to bread
- **DEVIL** - worship Satan



**JESUS DID NOT
RESIST BY
DRAWING ON
HIS DIVINE
NATURE BUT
QUOTING
SCRIPTURE! 3X
"IT IS WRITTEN!"**