

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PRAYER

40 Days of Prayer

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“Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples’.”

Luke 11:1 (ESV)

Our frustrations with prayer are caused by: _____

- Not a magic wand
- Not a fire extinguisher
- Not a tug of war
- Not a ritual to relieve guilt

4 FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

1. _____

“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.”

Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.”

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

Prayer is: _____

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“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.”

Jeremiah 29:11-12 (ESV)

2. _____

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

Matthew 6:5-8 (ESV)

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith”

Hebrews 10:22 (ESV)

3. _____

“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known”

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

Matthew 7:11 (ESV)

“... You do not have, because you do not ask (God)”

James 4:2 (ESV)

4. _____

“Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts himself to show mercy to you.”

Isaiah 30:18 (ESV)

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

Hosea 6:6 (ESV)

(“I don’t want your sacrifices – I want your love! I don’t want your offerings, I want you to know Me!”)

“The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.”

Psalms 25:14 (ESV)

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”

James 4:8 (ESV)

The Closer I Am to God: _____

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PRAYER?
(Answers)

OUR FRUSTRATIONS WITH PRAYER ARE CAUSED BY: OUR MISCONCEPTIONS

4 FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

1. GOD LOVES FOR ME TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT ANYTHING

PRAYER IS: A CONVERSATION, NOT A CEREMONY
PRAYER IS: A RELATIONSHIP, NOT A RITUAL

2. GOD LISTENS TO PRAYERS THAT ARE SINCERE & SIMPLE

3. GOD LIKES TO SHOW HIS GRACE BY ANSWERING PRAYER

4. GOD LONGS TO BE CLOSE TO ME!

THE CLOSER I AM TO GOD: THE LESS STRESSED & MORE BLESSED I'LL BE