

# Prayer

*This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.*

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on praying. Prayer is a very important part of a Christian's life. It is how we communicate and make our requests known to God.

Philippians 4:6

**Verse 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

This scripture shows us that we need to bring everything to prayer, that through prayer only can we talk to God and make our requests known to him. So, if this is the only way for us to communicate with God then how often should we be doing it?

Luke 18:1

**Verse 1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**

I Thessalonians 5:17

**Verse 17 Pray without ceasing.**

These scriptures are very clear, we need to make sure that we are always praying. Prayer should be a humbling act; we need to bow our heads and kneel before God. Christ exemplified this to us in His time of grieving, when he was pleading with God.

Matthew 26:39

**Verse 39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.**

Jesus is not the only example that we have of someone that was humble while He prayed, for a couple other examples we can look at Daniel and Peter.

Daniel 6:10

**Verse 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.**

Acts 9:40

**Verse 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.**

Prayer is such a great way to communicate with God; but you have to believe in God and have the faith that he will hear you and answer your prayers.

Matthew 21:22

**Verse 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

Acts 2:42 - 44

**Verse 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

**Verse 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.**

**Verse 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;**

James 5:15

**Verse 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.**

The men spoken of here believed with all their heart what the apostles preached to them, so much so that they became baptized members of the church.

Prayer only works to those who know the word of God and practice it. God's word needs to be in us and we need to believe what it tells us for prayers to be heard and answered.

Job 22:27

**Verse 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.**

Psalms 6:9

**Verse 9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.**

Proverbs 15:29

**Verse 29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.**

Acts 6:4

**Verse 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.**

I Peter 3:12

**Verse 12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.**

You need to commit yourself to God and his word. So many people blame God for all the bad things that go on, and ask how can an omnipotent being allow such devastation and chaos to happen in the world? Why is it that God only becomes real in our life when something goes wrong? We only want to pray and ask for help when loved ones are dying or suffering; but we turn our back on God when life is going well and everyone is healthy. Why should God help you in suffering when you turn away from him when your life is good?

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