

WHAT ABOUT PRAYER?

Luke 11:1, "...Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."



WHAT IS PRAYING?

To make request
To ask
To show respect
To desire
To beseech
To call to one's aid
To make petition
To make supplication
To acknowledge

WHO SHOULD PRAY?



God WILL NOT hear those who turn away from hearing Him – those who won't hear His word, those who rebel against Him!

Proverbs 28:9
Proverbs 1:28-29
Isaiah 1:15
Jeremiah 11:11
John 9:31

God WILL hear those who hear His Word – the righteous, those who are His children!

Matthew 6:9
1 Peter 3:12
1 John 3:22

HOW ARE WE TO PRAY?



To God the Father
(Luke 11:2-4)

Through Jesus Christ
(John 14:14; 15:16; 16:23)

Regularly
(Acts 2:42; Ephesians 6:18)

Obediently
(1 John 3:22; 1 Peter 3:12)

That God's will be done
(Matthew 6:10; 1 John 5:14)

In faith, believing and trusting in God
(Mark 11:24; James 1:6-8)

With thanksgiving
(Philippians 4:6)

Fervently and sincerely
(James 5:16)

With persistence
(Matthew 7:7)

WHAT CAN WE PRAY FOR?

We can thank God for His blessings, and make our requests known
(Philippians 4:6)

We can pray for our daily needs, and that God's will be done in our lives
(Matthew 6:9-13)

We can pray for one another
(Philippians 1:9-11)

We can pray to resist temptation
(Matthew 26:41)

We can pray for the sick and afflicted
(James 5:13)

We can pray even for our enemies
(Matthew 5:44)

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