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## What does the Bible teach about prayer?

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### **1. What type of relationship should we have with God in prayer?**

"So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven..." Luke 11:2

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1

"For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights" Proverbs 3:12

"As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him" Psalm 103:13

### **2. Who helps us when we pray?**

"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" Acts 4:31

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" Romans 8:26

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever" John 14:16

### **3. Does God need to hear our prayers to know our needs?**

"Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him" Matthew 6:8

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether" Psalm 139:1-4

"It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear" Isaiah 65:24

### **4. Should we pray to anyone besides God?**

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"" John 14:6

"There is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" 1 Timothy 2:5

"For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father" Ephesians 2:18

### **5. Whose will should we seek when praying?**

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" Matthew 6:33

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" John 6:38

"He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."" Matthew 26:39

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? ...And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" John 14:10, 13, 14

### **6. What is our part in our prayers being answered?**

"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" 1 John 3:22

"I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" Mark 11:24

"Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive" Matthew 21:22

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord" James 1:5-7

### **7. Should we be discouraged if prayers seem to go unanswered?**

"I will stand my watch...And watch to see what He will say to me" Habakkuk 2:1

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" Hebrews 11:6

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" Philippians 4:6

**8. Can anything keep God from hearing our prayers?**

"Your iniquities have separated you from your God...so that He will not hear" Isaiah 59:2

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" Proverbs 28:13

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear" Psalm 66:18

**9. Are there prayers God will not answer?**

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" James 4:3

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray...that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward...And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words" Matthew 6:5-7

**10. How often should we pray?**

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy" Luke 21:36

"And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" Ephesians 6:17,18

"...pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

"It came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" Luke 6:12

**11. Should we worry about the devil hearing our prayers?**

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!" James 2:19

"Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" James 4:7

"I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil...the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet" Romans 16:20

**12. Will God honor the prayers of those obedient to Him?**

"I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart" Psalm 40:8

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart"  
Psalm 37:4

**13. Does God encourage us to pray to Him?**

"If you...being evil...give good gifts...how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

"Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing" Psalm 34:10

"Call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" Jeremiah 29:12, 13

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3