

Communication is essential to any growing relationship. As you know, Christianity is a relationship between you and the living God. God speaks to us through the Bible, and we talk to Him through prayer. Put simply, prayer is talking to God. If I want my relationship with God to grow deeper, I must communicate with Him through prayer.

I. WHAT ARE SOME PRINCIPLES WE CAN LEARN ABOUT PRAYER FROM THE FOLLOWING VERSES?

- A. Psalm 66:18 — God will not listen if there is sin in my heart.
- B. 1 John 5:14-15 — He hears and answers us when we ask according to His will.
- C. John 14:14 — We need to ask in His name. “Ask and you will receive.”
- D. Mark 1:35 — Prayer was a priority in Jesus’ life, so it should be in our lives, too.
- E. Romans 8:26 — The Spirit intercedes for us when we don’t know what to pray.
- F. 1 John 3:21-22 — Our obedience is needed to have our prayers answered.

II. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAITH AND PRAYER?

- A. Matthew 21:22 — Faith is essential to having our prayers answered.
- B. James 1:6-8 — Same as above.

III. ACCORDING TO PHILIPPIANS 4:6, WHAT KINDS OF THINGS CAN WE PRAY ABOUT?

IV. PRAYER SHOULD CONSIST OF THESE ELEMENTS

- A**— Adoration: worshipping and praising God for who He is honors Him (1 Chronicles 29:10-13).
- C**— Confession: confessing any known sins to Him presents a clean vessel to God (1 John 1:9).
- T**— Thanksgiving: thanking God for forgiving me and for how He lovingly cares for me each day shows my appreciation to God (Hebrews 13:15).
- S**— Supplication: praying for your own needs and the needs of others shows trust and dependence on God (II Chronicles 14:11).

NOTE: This is only a guideline to help us remember that prayer is not just a list of things we are asking God for.

PRAYER IS NOT A FORMULA, BUT RATHER A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING PERSONALLY WITH THE LIVING GOD.

V. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER IN ONE OF THREE WAYS

A. 2 Kings 20:1-6: YES — God added 15 years to King Hezekiah's life.

B. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10: NO — God would not remove Paul's thorn in the flesh.

C. Exodus 5:22-6:8: WAIT — God promised to take the people from Egypt but not until ten plagues were sent.

VI. APPLICATION

Keep a prayer notebook. In the notebook write down specific things for which you are asking God. When God answers each request, write down the date and what the answer was. Remember that God can answer yes, no or wait.



PRAYERS OF ADORATION

Exodus 15:11
 Nehemiah 9:5,6
 Psalm 63:1-3
 Exodus 33:6,7
 Psalm 7:17
 Psalm 71:14-17
 Deuteronomy 10:21
 Psalm 8:1
 Psalm 93:1,2
 Deuteronomy 32:4
 Psalm 9:1,2
 Psalm 95:1-3,6,7
 2 Samuel 7:22
 Psalm 18:1-3
 Psalm 96:1-6
 2 Samuel 22:47
 Psalm 18:46
 Psalm 100:1-5
 1 Kings 8:23
 Psalm 21:13
 Psalm 145
 2 Kings 19:15
 Psalm 32:11
 Jeremiah 10:6,7
 1 Chronicles 16:28-30
 Psalm 33:1
 Jeremiah 32:17-19
 1 Chronicles 29:10-13
 Psalm 34:1-3, 8-9
 Lamentations 5:19
 2 Chronicles 20:6
 Psalm 57:9-11
 Daniel 2:20-22
 Matthew 21:9
 Revelation 4:8
 Revelation 15:3,4
 Luke 1:46-50
 Revelation 4:11
 Revelation 19:1
 Romans 11:33

Revelation 5:9,10
 Revelation 19:5
 Ephesians 1:3
 Revelation 5:12
 Revelation 22:16

PRAYERS OF FORGIVENESS

Deuteronomy 32:18
 Job 42:5,6
 Psalm 69:5,6
 1 Samuel 15:22
 Psalm 19:12,13
 Psalm 103:8-14
 2 Samuel 24:10
 Psalm 25:6-11
 Psalm 130:1-4
 Ezra 9:6
 Psalm 32:1-5
 1 John 1:8-10
 Nehemiah 1:5,6
 Psalm 51:1-7
 1 John 2:1,2

PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL NEEDS

1 Chronicles 4:10
 Psalm 5:7,8
 Psalm 143:8, 10
 2 Chronicles 14:11
 Psalm 22:19
 Lamentations 3:55-58
 Nehemiah 1:11
 Psalm 25:16-18
 Romans 15:5,6
 Job 6:8
 Psalm 67:1,2
 Hebrews 4:14-16
 Psalm 25:4-6
 Psalm 141:1-4
 Revelation 22:20

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

1 Samuel 12:23
 Matthew 9:37,38
 Galatians 6:2
 Ezra 8:23
 Matthew 18:19,20
 Ephesians 1:15-21
 Psalm 4:6
 Mark 1:35
 Ephesians 3:14-19
 Psalm 85:4-7
 John 17:20,21
 Philippians 1:9-11
 Lamentations 5:20,21
 Romans 1:9 1
 1 Timothy 2:1-4

PRAYERS OF AFFIRMATION

2 Samuel 22:29,30
 Psalm 40:4
 Lamentations 3:25,26
 2 Chronicles 16:9
 Psalm 119:67,71,75
 Micah 6:8
 Ezra 7:10
 Isaiah 26:3
 Matthew 11:28-30
 Psalm 16:5-6
 Isaiah 41:10
 John 14:13
 Psalm 27:1
 Jeremiah 9:23-24
 Romans 1:16,17

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

2 Samuel 22:2-4
 Psalm 46:1
 Revelation 11:17
 1 Chronicles 16:34

Psalm 91:1,2

Psalm 4:8 1
 Corinthians 15:57
 Psalm 27:1
 Hebrews 13:15
 Psalm 40:1-3
 1 Peter 1:3-5

PRAYERS OF RENEWAL

Exodus 20:3-17
 Psalm 37:3-6
 Matthew 6:33
 Exodus 33:13
 Psalm 101:3
 Luke 6:35
 Deuteronomy 16:19
 Psalm 119:15-18
 Luke 16:13
 Joshua 1:8
 Zechariah 8:16,17
 1 Corinthians 15:58

CLOSING PRAYER

Numbers 6:24-26
 Romans 15:5,6
 1 Timothy 1:17
 Psalm 16:11
 Romans 16:25-27
 Hebrews 13:20,21
 Psalm 23
 2 Corinthians 1:3,4
 1 Peter 5:10,11
 Psalm 27:13,14
 Ephesians 3:20,21
 Jude 24,25
 Psalm 73:28
 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 Revelation 5:13