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# PRAYER WILL EMPOWER YOUR LIFE

### WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

<u>For Forgiveness.</u> <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9** 

<u>For Mercy & Grace.</u> <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:15-16** 

<u>For Wisdom.</u> <sup>5</sup> 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. **James 1:5** 

<u>To Resist Temptation.</u> <sup>26</sup> 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** 

<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **Matthew 26:41** 

<u>To See Greatness.</u><sup>3</sup> 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' **Jeremiah 33:3** 

### **HOW / WHEN SHOULD WE PRAY?**

<u>Pray Like Christ.</u> <sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. **Matthew 6:9-13** 

<u>You Must Ask.</u> <sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8** 

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **Phil. 4:6-7** 

<u>Confess / Repent.</u> <sup>14</sup> if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14** 

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **James 4:8** 

<u>Get Alone.</u> <sup>6</sup> But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.



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**Matt. 6:6** // <sup>35</sup> Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. **Mark 1:35** 

<u>Pray Continuously.</u> <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** 

<u>Make It Personal.</u> <sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. <sup>6</sup> But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. **Matthew 6:5-8** 

### **KEYS TO ANSWERED PRAYER**

<u>Align With God's Will.</u> <sup>14</sup> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. **1 John 5:14-15** 

<u>Ask In His Name / Abide In Him.</u> <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. **John 14:13-14** 

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **John 15:7** 

<u>Ask In Faith.</u> <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord. **James 1:6-7** 

<u>Put Christ First.</u> <sup>23</sup> Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. **Luke 9:23** 

#### ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION....A SINNER'S PRAYER

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### Pray the prayer below, FROM YOUR HEART, and you will be saved.

Heavenly Father, I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to save me from my sin. I believe that He rose again to life, and that He invites me to live forever with Him in heaven as part of Your family. Because of what Jesus has done, I ask You to forgive me of my sin and give me eternal life. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as my Lord. Help me to live in a way that pleases and honors You. Amen.