

Prayer Life

What Is Prayer Not?

- Not just words spoken into the air to no one.
- Not just an exercise we perform.
- Not just something we cross off our to do list.
- Not just 10 minutes in the morning.
- Not just a pat response to someone's bad situation.
- Not just a last resort.

Prayer is:

- Solemn request for help or expression of thanks.
- The act of communicating with a deity.
- Entreating someone in power for help or a favor.
(Supplication)
- Carries with it a sense of deep entreaty and should not be used to describe any simple request.
- Worship.

Prayer is:

Prayer is the lisping of a believing infant, the shout of the fighting believer, the requiem of the dying saint falling asleep in Jesus.

--Charles Spurgeon

Why Pray?

We were created to fellowship with Him. It's our purpose.

*Lord...You have made us for Yourself
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in You.*

--St. Augustine

Why Pray?

- Cover to cover, the Word is saturated with prayer.
 - Over 500 verses with the word “pray”
 - Examples from Genesis to Revelation
 - Even more verses using
 - supplication
 - worship
 - thanksgiving
 - intercession

Why Pray?

Genesis 3:8 (AMP)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Why Pray?

Genesis 4:26 (NIV)

At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.

Why Pray?

Revelation 22:20 (NIV)

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Why Pray?

- Abraham interceded
- Jacob wrestled
- David worshipped
- Daniel prayed 3 times a day
- Ezra and Nehemiah were prayerful all day long
- Elijah contended
- Acts 4 – they lifted up their voices together
- The believers prayed for Peter's prison release

Why Pray?

- Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises at midnight
- Pray for always
- Pray without ceasing
- Pray continually
- Pray for me
- Pray for your enemies
- Pray for the harvest
- Pray for laborers

Why Pray?

- Pray for your leaders and all in authority
- Pray for doors to open
- Pray for unction and utterance
- Pray out mysteries
- Pray with the Spirit and the understanding
- Pray for us
- Pray in the Holy Ghost
- Pray for wisdom
- Give yourselves to prayer

Why Pray?

Prayer releases the power of God in the earth.

James 5:16-18 (AMP)

The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].

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- Prayer is a conversation rooted in fellowship and based on trust.
- Prayer life is bred and fed in intimacy. That's where it starts, and that's what feeds the fire.

John 15:7

IF you abide in Me, and I abide in you, you can ask for anything, and it will be done for you.

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John 14:10-11

Don't you believe Me when I say I abide in the Father and the Father dwells in Me? I'm not making this up as I go along. The Father has given Me these truths that I have been speaking to you, and He empowers all My actions. Accept these truths: I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me.

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- Prayer starts with, "Come to Me."

Psalms 27:8 (NLT)

My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."

And my heart responds, "LORD, I am coming."