

## What is Prayer?

### Talking With God

Prayer is our direct line with heaven. Prayer is a communication process that allows us to talk to God! He wants us to communicate with Him, like a person-to-person phone call. Cell phones and other devices have become a necessity to some people in today's society. We have blue tubes, blackberries, and talking computers! These are means of communication that allow two or more people to interact, discuss, and respond to one another.

To many, prayer seems complicated, but it is simply talking to God. Here are some points about what prayer is:

- **What Do I Say?**

Praying is like talking to your best friend! It's easy to talk to someone when you know they love you unconditionally!

1. Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and make you new in Him! "Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins" (Acts 3:19).
2. Tell Him your needs! "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you" (1 Peter 5:7).
3. Thank Him, for He died on the cross at Calvary for us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

- **How Do I Say It?**

Here's how I have learned to approach the Savior of my life.

1. With confidence and belief that He will deliver: "Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome" (Ephesians 3:12). "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it" (Hebrews 4:16).
2. With joy that He can deliver. "You have shown me the way of life, and you will give me wonderful joy in your presence" (Acts 2:28).
3. With expectation that He is going to deliver. "Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly" (Psalm 5:3). "I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray" (Psalm 17:6).

### What Does the Bible Say?

- **Pray for each other.** Jesus set an example for us on what to pray. He prayed for His disciples and for every generation to come that would follow Him. His prayer was that God protect and strengthen them as long as they were in this world. Jesus also prayed for those who would come to believe in Him through the Gospel message (John 17).

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- **Pray with faith.** “So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).
- **Pray with worship and reverence.** “Exalt the LORD our God! Bow low before his feet, for he is holy!” (Psalm 99:5). “‘Yes, Lord,’ the man said, ‘I believe!’ And he worshiped Jesus” (John 9:38).

You will know with confidence that God can hear you when you pray, so open that line of communication! Pray, knowing that no matter how far you roam, your connection with Him can never be lost!

“I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in your knowledge and understanding” (Philippians 1:9).