







CALL TO PRAYER

Luke 18: 1 He also spoke a parable to them that they must always pray, and not give up

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- Pray when you feel like praying, pray when you don't feel like praying and pray until you feel like praying!
- Prayer can never be too much!
- Prayer proves the existence of God!

Why bother to pray?

- God does nothing except in answer to prayer: Genesis 1:26 “26 ¶ And God said Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **and let them** have dominion”
- Prayer connects the natural with the supernatural
- Prayer is terrestrial license for celestial interference
- Prayer is communion with God

In Bible days

- Abraham prayed
- Moses prayed
- Elijah prayed
- Paul prayed
- Jesus prayed!

Some men who prayed

- Praying Hyde
- Praying Johnny
- David Livingstone
- Bevingtone
- Charles G. Finney
- David(Paul) Yonggi Cho
- E. A. Adeboye

Remember

- A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian
- A sinning Christian will cease to pray and a praying Christian will cease to sin
- If you don't pray you become a prey!

A common request of all ages

- Jer 42:2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and **pray for us** unto the LORD thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many as thine eyes do behold us:)
- Jer 42:20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying **Pray for us** unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say so declare unto us, and we will do it.
- 1Th 5:25 Brethren, **pray for us**.
- 2Th 3:1 ¶ Finally, brethren, **pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified even as it is with you
- Heb 13:18 ¶ **Pray for us**: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly

Prayer



Positions for Prayer

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The Bible talks about many different positions being used when people are praying. They are all used by Christians today.



Eyes and head raised upwards to God.
"I lift my eyes to you, O God enthroned in heaven."
([The Bible, Psalm 123 verse 1](#))
This girl is leading prayers in an Anglican church.



Humble kneeling.
"Come let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is God."
([The Bible, Psalm 95 verse 6](#))
This man is praying in an Anglican church.



Eyes closed, concentrating on God.
"Keeping our eyes on Jesus."
([The Bible, Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2](#))
This girl goes to a Brethren church.

Positions for Prayer



Hands and head raised to heaven.
"Lifting up my hands to you in prayer."
(The Bible, Psalm 63 verse 4)
This girl is leading prayers in an Afro-Caribbean church.



Head bowed in respect to God.
"Come let us worship and bow down."
(The Bible, Psalm 95 verse 6)
These people are praying in an Orthodox church.



Prostrate - lying flat on the ground in humility.
"I lay prostrate before the Lord."
(The Bible, Deuteronomy chapter 9 verse 18)
These priests are praying in a Roman Catholic church



Where can we pray?

- ◆ Private room
- ◆ In Church (building)
- ◆ Prayer walk
- ◆ Prayer drive
- ◆ Prayer garden
- ◆ At school or place of work
- ◆ Anywhere

**1 Timothy 2:8 “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere,
lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting”**

Our Father



In his best known prayer pattern or model prayer ("The Lord's Prayer") Jesus taught Christians to call God "Our Father in heaven". ([The Bible, Matthew chapter 6 verses 9 - 13.](#))



Let's look at The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom

And the power and the glory

For ever and ever

Amen

Our Father in heaven

Help us to respect your name

Be our king!

Have your way on earth

Like you do in heaven

Give us today the things we need

Forgive us for the things we do wrong

As we forgive people who have hurt us

Help us not to do wrong things

And protect us from harm

For everything is yours

-all the power and glory in the world

Now and for always

I really mean this prayer.

What should we say in prayer?



Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

What should we say in prayer?



1. **Talk as if you are talking to your Father! Matthew 6:9-13**
2. **Talk as if you are talking to your Friend! John 15:15**
3. **Talk as if you are talking to your Lover! Jeremiah 31:3**
4. **Talk as if you are talking to your Maker! Isaiah 44:24**
5. **Talk as if you are talking to your Master! Exodus 34:23**

Answers to Prayer



Like a loving father, God listens to our prayers and always gives his best. Sometimes,, this may not always be exactly what we want - sometimes a loving parent even has to use the word no!

Hindrances to an effective prayer life

- SIN (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- Not seeing results of prayer
- Procrastination
- Doubt and unbelief (James 1:6-8)
- Laziness and slothfulness
- Satanic attack

If there is a
man to pray
there is a God
to answer!