

PRAYER

WHAT ARE WE TOLD TO DO?

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing *by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6*

HOW OFTEN ARE WE TO PRAY?

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that *men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1*

WHO ARE WE TO PRAY TO?

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask *the Father* in my name, he will give it you. *John 16:23*

WHAT SHOULD WE NOT USE IN PRAYER?

But when ye pray, *use not vain repetitions*, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. *Matthew 6:7*

WHAT SHOULD WE ACKNOWLEDGE IN OUR PRAYERS?

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, *Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done* in earth, as it is in heaven. *Give us this day our daily bread.*

And *forgive us* our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but *deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13*

WHAT IS GOD'S PROMISE IF WE COME TO HIM IN PRAYER?

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? *Matthew 7:7-11*

WHAT MUST WE DO FOR OUR PRAYERS TO BE ANSWERED?

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, *when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24*

HOW ESSENTIAL IS FAITH WHEN WE PRAY?

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But *let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.* For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea

driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. James 1:5-7

SHOULD WE DEMAND GOD TO SUBMIT HIS WILL TO OURS?

And he [Jesus] went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: *nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt...*

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, *thy will be done.*

And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

And he left them, and went away again, and *prayed the third time, saying the same words.*

Matthew 26:39, 42-44

WHAT ASSURANCE IS OURS IF WE SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL?

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, *if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, *we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:14, 15*

WHY ARE SOME PRAYERS NOT ANSWERED?

Ye ask, and receive not, because *ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. James 4:3*

DOES ANYTHING PREVENT GOD FROM HEARING PRAYER?

If I regard iniquity [sin] in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: Psalm 66:18

WHAT DOES SIN DO?

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

But your iniquities have *separated between you and your God*, and your sins have hid his face from you, *that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1, 2*

WHAT MUST WE DO FOR GOD TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS?

If my people, which are called by my name, shall *humble themselves*, and pray, and *seek my face*, and *turn from their wicked ways*; *then will I hear from heaven*, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. *2 Chronicles 7:14*

WHY IS PRAYER SO VERY IMPORTANT TODAY?

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. *1 Peter 4:7*

WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING EVERY DAY?

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. *Luke 21:36*