

THE POWER OF PRAYER

OPENING PRAYER

AS FAR AS I KNOW EVERYONE HERE IS A CHRISTIAN AND THAT YOU ALL HAVE A PRAYER LIFE. SO YOU MAY BE ASKING "WHY HAVE A LESSON ^{ON} PRAYER?" THE FACT IS THAT WE ALL NEED REMINDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

WE WILL BE REVIEW (4) STEPS TO DAY ON PRAYER.

- ① WHAT IS PRAYER?
- ② WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?
- ③ HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?
- ④ WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY?

WE WILL COVER EACH (1) OF THESE.

(1) QUESTION

① WHAT IS PRAYER?

PRAYER IS CONVERSING WITH GOD, NOT JUST TALKING TO THE LORD, BUT ALSO LISTENING.

PRAYER MAY BE ORAL OR MENTAL.

PRAYER IS THE FLOWING BETWEEN GOD & MAN.

PRAYER IS THE VERY HEART BEAT OF THE BELIEVER'S WALK WITH GOD

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WE ARE AFRAID FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY, WE ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH, WE DON'T KNOW HOW, WE FEEL GUILTY. OTHERS MAY RIDICULE US.

* ROMANS 8:15 =

FOR YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF SLAVERY TO FALL BACK INTO FEAR, BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION AS SONS, BY WHOM WE CRY "ABBA FATHER."

(AD LIB) HE IS OUR FATHER, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
"ABBA" SIGNIFIES THE CLOSE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP OF A FATHER & HIS CHILD

WHEN CHRIST WAS ON THE CROSS.

* MATTHEW 27:51

AND BEHOLD THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM; AND THE EARTH SHOOK & THE ROCK WERE SPLIT

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READ FROM
BIBLE

HEBREWS 10:19-23

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WE CAN APPROACH GOD DIRECTLY & NOT THROUGH MAN. JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST, FOREVER.

SO PRAY "IN JESUS NAME." WE COME TO THE FATHER THROUGH THE SON

2ND QUESTION

(2) WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

PRAYER TO A CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE AS NATURAL AS BREATHING. WE ARE COMMANDED TO PRAY.

* COLOSSIANS-4:2

DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER BEING WATCHFUL & THANKFUL.

* PHILIPPIANS-4:6

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER & PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

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THE SCRIPTURE SPEAKS FOR IT'S SELF

READ BIBLE MATTHEWS-7: 7-12

ADL13 GOD WORD REVEALS MANY PROMISES

* PSALM'S 71:1

I CRY ALOUD TO GOD & HE HEARS ME

* 1ST JOHN-1:19

HE PROMISES TO ALWAYS FORGIVE US WHEN WE CONFESS OUR SIN

* PSALMS-31:3

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HE PROMISES TO GUIDE US.

READ BIBLE

JAMES-1: 5-8

ADL13 MY FAVORITE PROMISE, COME UNTO ME ALL

YOU THAT IS WEARY & HEAVY LADEN & I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

③ 3RD QUESTION

How Should We Pray?

HERE IS A PRAYER GUIDE - REMEMBER THE WORD

A.C.T.S.

A. = Adoration - Praising

C. = Confession - Confessing your sins

T. = Thanksgiving -

S. = Supplication - Submission

Heart - mind - strength
Soul - Body

AD LIB Pray without ceasing

Posture NOT Important (Sitting, Standing, Lying Down
Shower, Working, Resting, Kneeling, WHERE EVER YOU ARE.)
UNDER TRUCK,

* MATTHEW = 18: 19-20

WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME,
I WILL BE IN THE MIDST OF THEM.

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WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES - PRAY WITH SOMEONE,
INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING "I" WILL PRAY FOR YOU.

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RED BIBLE * MATTHEW 6: 5-8

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READ FROM
BIBLE

LUKE 18: 10-14

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④ 4TH QUESTION

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PRAY? WHAT SHOULD WE EXPECT

Read From Bible

ROMANS 8-26-27

AD LIB. THE HOLY ^{SPIRIT} _{OUR} TEACHER, INSTRUCTOR, & COMFORTER.
THE SPIRIT HEARS OUR PRAYER & INTERCEDES FOR US.

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HINDRANCES TO OUR PRAYER LIFE

1. UNCONFESSSED SIN
2. LACK OF FAITH
3. DISOBEDIENCE
4. UNFORGIVENESS OF OTHERS.
5. WRONG MOTIVES
6. IDOLS IN OUR LIVES
7. DISREGARD FOR OTHER
8. UN SURRENDERED WILL
9. MATERIAL CONFLICTS

NOTE

THERE ARE SCRIPTURES TO COVER EACH OF THESE ITEMS.
TO MANY TO FOLLOW TODAY

NOTE: MANY THINGS CAN HINDER OUR PRAYER LIFE WITH GOD

Conclusion

- 1- We are commanded to Pray
- 2- God longs to interact with His Children
3. Prayer Changes Us
4. The Lord answers our Petitions when our requests are in accordance with His Will
5. God Works through our Prayers

So don't give up - Keep spending time with God, and you'll discover the Blessings of Prayer

CHOsing = Prayer = All LORD'S PRAYER - f

If you Believe

IF YOU BELIEVE, you SHALL RECEIVE