

Bible reference for Prayer by Category

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God answers the prayers of some, not all. He requires we meet certain conditions. The categories below are those conditions. The verses under them reveal God's word on the subject of each. When I was done, I found many verses regarding "faith" and few supporting "pray in the name of Jesus". Since God's word uses repetition for emphasis, it is significant. However, my search, while time consuming, was not informed. I am learning as we go, and blessed for it. Please share with me additional verses you are aware of, and my conclusions of which categories God demands. The fate of the world may well depend upon your diligence. I've been a Christian for decades, and to find myself so ignorant of what James calls "asking aright" fills me with remorse and regret.

GOD Hears the prayers of the His children

- Luke 11:13, "If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"
- John 14:13, "Whatsoever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
- 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people who are called by name, humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
- Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."
- John 9:31, "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him."

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- Matthew 18:19-20, "Furthermore, I tell you with certainty that if two of you agree on earth about anything you request, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven, 20 because where two or three have come together in my name, I am there among them."
- Matthew 21:22, "You will receive whatever you ask for in prayer, if you believe."
- Romans 10:12-13, "There is no difference between Jew and Greek, because they all have the same Lord, who gives richly to all who call on him. 13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- Isaiah 65:24, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."
- Romans 4:19-22, Abraham and Sarah, well beyond child bearing years, pray for a child and get one – because God wanted Abraham's seed to fill the earth with his chosen people. Abraham's patient, faithful waiting was answered by God's will, using him.
- John 9:31, "*If any man be a worshiper of God and does His will, God hears his prayers.*"
- Proverbs 28:9, "*One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination.*"
- James 4:2, "*To get answers, you have to ask right.*"
- Acts 9:12, *Paul's vision of God.*"
- 1 John 5:14 "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."
- Isaiah 1:15-16, "When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil."
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Children of God

- Matt 26:38 "*Deny your flesh or lose your life.*" Open your heart so God fill it with the Spirit."
- Romans 10:14-21, "*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!.. faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*"
- Matthew 16:21, "*Jesus died to save us all* (another Paradox of the Fortunate Fall)
- Matthew 16:25, "*They who lose their lives for my sake find it.*"
- Matthew 19:13, "*Jesus, however, said, "Let the little children come to me, and stop keeping them away, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these."*"
- Romans 10:8-10, "*If you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead you will be saved.*"
- John 14:16-18, "*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you desolate.*"

1. Jesus prayed

- Matt 26:36-44 – Jesus got his answer while praying in the garden before He was crucified. Since He prayed all night, sweating blood, we can assume it wasn't the answer He wanted, but He got his answer and acted on it.
- Luke 3:21 – Jesus was baptized, prayed, and the Heavens opened, a Dove descended... this is an example of us not knowing if a precise prayer was verbalized, but as long as prayer is defined as God communicating with men, it was the best of all possible communications
- Luke 5:12-13 – "One day while Jesus was in one of the cities, a man covered with leprosy saw Jesus and fell on his face, begging him, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean. So Jesus reached out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do want to. Be clean!" Instantly the leprosy left him."
- John 06:38, "*I came from heaven to do my Father's will.*"
- John 08:29, "*He never leaves me because I please Him.*"
- Matt 26:44, "*Father your will be done.*"
- Mk 5:16, "*he went to deserted places to pray.*"
- Mk 12:16, "*he went to the mountain to pray.*"

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- Luke 6:13, "he went to the mountain to pray; and continued all night in prayer to God."
- Matt 16:17, "Simon, only my Father could have revealed this to you."
- Luke 22:31-32, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren."
- Luke 22:40-46, "he went to the mount of Olives with his disciples & told them to pray, then prayed alone, asking God to remove this cup from me unless it is your will. He didn't like the answer and kept praying in supplication, even sweating blood, but in the end accepted God's Will. When he rose, he found the disciples asleep, and told them to rise and pray."
- Luke 9:28-31, "he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became white and dazzling. And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Moses and Elijah; who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem."
- Mark 01:35, "Jesus prayed at first light."
- Luke 09:18, "He prayed alone."
- Luke 09:28, "He up the mountain to pray."
- Luke 23:46, "Father into your hands"

2. Jesus taught us to pray

- Matt 6:6, "But when you make your prayer, go into your private room, and, shutting the door, say a prayer to your Father in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will give you your reward."
- Matthew 6:7, "And in your prayer do not make use of the same words again and again, as the Gentiles do: for they have the idea that God will give attention to them because of the number of their words".
- Luke 11:01, "When Jesus prayed in public he taught rather than listened."
- Eccl 5:2, "a fool's voice is known by multitude of words."
- Matthew 6:7, "When you pray, do not heap up empty phrases ... for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

The Lord's Prayer

- Matthew 6:9-15. "Pray then like this:
Our Father in heaven,
"hallowed" be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
but if you do not forgive others their trespasses,
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The format is: Honor God, thank Him for continuing to feed and protect us, and be at peace with each other – all before adding any petitions we may have. Note the use of "our" and "us". This can also be a public prayer, so long as it is said in company with believers, at peace with each other and without unrepentant sins. "Pray alone, briefly", means "focus", "prepare", you are talking to your Heavenly Father, the Creator of the Universe! God's Word tells us He only hears and responds to petitions asking for clarification and help understanding how we are to implement His will for our life.

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3. Study His Word

- Psalm 119:161-172, "Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules. Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I do your commandments. My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you."
- James 4:3-10, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
- John 1:1-4, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men."
- II Peter 1:3-11, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
- John 15:7-12, "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you can ask for anything you want, and you will receive it. This is how my Father is glorified, when you produce a lot of fruit and so prove to be my disciples. Just as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. So abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you."
- Luke 9:28-32 having taken Peter, and John, and James, he went up to the mountain and while he prayed the appearance of his face became altered, and his garment sparkling white, then Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about his fulfillment of prophecy. The disciples were asleep, but woke in time to see two men standing with Jesus.
- Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."
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4. Forgive, at Peace with each other

- 1 Peter 3:7, "Likewise husbands, give honor and understanding to your wife . . . heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."
- Matthew 6:12, "forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors."
- Matthew 22:36-40, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- Matt 18:21-22, "Then Peter came up and asked him, "Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I have to forgive him? Seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I tell you, not just seven times, but 77 times."
- Mark 11:25-26, "'Whenever you stand up to pray, forgive whatever you have against anyone, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins. But if you do not forgive, your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins.'
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5. Live Holy - follow the commandments

- 1 Peter 3:12-18, "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil. 13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good? 14 But even if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled; 15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear: 16 having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. 17 For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing. 18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God."
- Matthew 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him."
- Peter 1:15-16, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- Matthew 19:17, "if you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments."
- Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear."
- Matthew 5:21-22, "Thou shall not kill includes not even hating."
- Proverbs 28:9, "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination."
- 1 John 3:22, "Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."
- Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear."
- Acts 08:18, "You must repent to gain the power to pray. Become a new person, by loving God and loving people."
- 2 Peter 2:20-22 , "No matter how clean we are on the outside, if the inside, the nature, the heart, remains unchanged, or if we resort again to habitual sin we will return to what we came from and once more be filthy both inside and out."
- Luke 6:46, "Why do you call Me Lord, Lord and do not do the things I say"
- 2 Corinthians 13:5 – "Those who are in the truth live according to their beliefs in God, not carnality."
- Psalm 66:18, "If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."
- Romans 6:11-13, "see yourselves as dead to sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus. For this cause do not let sin be ruling in your body which is under the power of death, so that you give way to its desires; And do not give your bodies to sin as the instruments of wrongdoing, but give yourselves to God, becoming "clean & holy" before God, because "He is Holy", so He can accept your prayers, and answer them, to make you holy."
- II Peter 1:3-11, "make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins."
- John 14:10-11, "I am in the Father and He in me."
- Matthew 5:27-28, "Thou shall not commit adultery, stops it at its source, the heart."
- John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."
- John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."
- John 14:23-24, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."
- Galatians 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you. . . those who practice these will not inherit the kingdom of God."
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, "Sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunks, slanderers, and robbers will not inherit the kingdom of God."
- Revelations 4: But people who are cowardly, unfaithful, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars will find themselves in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death that the cowardly, the unbelieving, and the abominable will not live eternally."
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- **Revelation 22:15** adds "whoever loves and practices a lie." These examples show that there is a standard of conduct by which God expects the heirs to His Kingdom to live. After all, *eternal life* is more than just length of days - living forever would be a terrible curse if there were not also *quality* of life to match it.
- **Amos 5:4**, "Seek to know Me by living the same way I do." That is how experiential knowledge of Him becomes an intimate knowing of Him. We know Him, in large part, by living the same law of love that He lives by.
- **Mark 1:15**, "Repent and believe in the gospel."
- **Romans 6:1-12**, "baptism signifies a symbolic dying to sin and the resurrection to a new life and reception of the Holy Spirit."
- **Acts 17:30-31**, "God has given assurance of this by raising Christ from the dead".
- **Matthew 3:8**, "Produce fruit that is consistent with repentance."
- **Luke 18:13**, "But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be humbled."
- **1 John 1:9-10**, "if we make it our habit to confess our sins, in his faithful righteousness he forgives us for those sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have never sinned, we make him a liar and his word has no place in us."

6. Trust, Believe in Faith

"Faith" means acknowledging the reality of God. "Living by faith" involves qualities that are better expressed by the word "trust"; the kind of faith in the Christian's life expressed by works of obedience. Do you think the Israelites in the wilderness disbelieved that God existed? They heard the voice of God at Mount Sinai, saw a wind from God part the Red Sea, and escaped death on Passover while the Egyptian firstborn had died. But when God required a higher level of obedience to follow His cloud across the wilderness and depend on Him to supply their every need, the record shows they did not trust Him. Their loyalty dissolved, and they rebelled! They did not have it within them to live, or walk, by faith.

- **Matthew 9:22**, "your faith has made you well."
- **Mark 9:23**, "And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."
- **Matthew 9:28**, "healed the blind because of their faith."
- **Matthew 21:22**, "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."
- **Mark 11:22-24**, And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
- **Mark 11:24** "Whatever you ask for can be yours if you have faith."
- **Luke 7:2-8**, a certain centurion's servant was at the point of death. And when he heard concerning Jesus, he sent word asking him that he would come and save his servant. . . Jesus went ...and when he was near, the centurion sent friends to tell Jesus not to trouble coming nearer . . . but say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: I say to this one, Go, and he goes and to another, Come, and he comes...when Jesus heard these things, he marveled...turned and said to the multitude following him, "I say to you I have not found faith so great!"...returning to the house, they found the servant well."
- **Luke 7:50**, "And he said unto the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."
- **Luke 9:28-32** having taken Peter, and John, and James, he went up to the mountain and while he prayed the appearance of his face became altered, and his garment sparkling white, then Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about his fulfillment of prophecy. The disciples were asleep, but woke in time to see two men standing with Jesus."
- **Luke 11:5-9**, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."
- **Luke 18:01**, "persistence is good, faith is better"
- **John 14:09**, "I am in the Father, He is in Me & works miracles thru Me."
- **John 14:15**, "If you have faith in Me, He will work miracles thru you."
- **John 20:27-29**, "Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! 29 Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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- **Acts 14:10**, "seeing that he had faith to be made whole, said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on thy feet". And he leaped up and walked"
- **Romans 4:17-24**, "Abraham acted in faith when he stood in the presence of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that don't yet exist. Hoping in spite of hopeless circumstances, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," just as he had been told: "This is how many descendants you will have." His faith did not weaken when he thought about his own body (which was already as good as dead now that he was about a hundred years old) or about Sarah's inability to have children, nor did he doubt God's promise out of a lack of faith. Instead, his faith became stronger and he gave glory to God, being absolutely convinced that God would do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." Now the words "it was credited to him" were written not only for him but also for us. Our faith will be regarded in the same way, as if we believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead."
- **Romans 5:1-2**, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand"
- **Romans 10:8-10**, When you believe something and have confidence that it is true. This confidence leads you to begin to act in accordance with what he believes, and the result is obedience to it, when repeated often enough, results in faith. "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes in righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation."
- **Romans 1:17**, "...The righteous shall live by faith."
- **II Corinthians 5:7**, "for we walk by faith, not by sight."
- **Galatians 3:10-14**, "For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them. 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for The righteous shall live by faith. But the law is not of faith, rather, The one who does them shall live by them. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us for it is written, Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."
- **Hebrews 10:37-38**, "For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."
- **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- **Hebrews 11:6**, "without faith it is impossible to please God: to come to God you must believe that He is, and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him."
- **Heb 11:39**, "...faith promises reward, but not release from trial..."
- **James 1:5-7**, "If you lack wisdom, ask God, who gives to all men liberally... But let him ask in faith, without wavering. He that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven by the wind...he shall receive nothing from the Lord."

7. What petitions will God answer?

- **Matthew 7:7-11**, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"
- **Matthew 18:19**, "...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My father in heaven."
- **Matt 21:22**, "whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
- **John 9:31**, "If any man be a worshiper of God and does His will, God hears his prayers."
- **John 14:12-14** "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do . . . Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
- **John 15:7-12**, "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you can ask for anything you want, and you will receive it. This is how my Father is glorified, when you produce a lot of fruit and so prove to be my disciples. Just as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. So abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you."

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- *John 17:3*, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." When we pray, we are entering a relationship with God, a two way conversation, *about His will for us*.
- *Philippians 4:6-7*, "In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
- *Hebrews 4:16*, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need".
- *James 1:5*, "If you lack wisdom, ask God, who gives to all men liberally."
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8. Listen in faith

- Mark 4:3, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
- Matthew 9:22, "Your faith has made you well."
- 1 Thess 2:13, "And for this cause we still give praise to God, that, when the word came to your ears through us, you took it, not as the word of man, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which has living power in you who have faith."
- John 20:12-17, "She saw two angels in white seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I have no knowledge where they have put him. And then looking round, she saw Jesus there, but had no idea that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? who are you looking for? She, taking him for the gardener, said to him, Sir, if you have taken him away from here, say where you have put him and I will take him away. Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' Turning, she said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which is to say, Master). Jesus said to her, 'Do not put your hand on me, for I have not gone up to the Father: but go to my brothers and say to them, I go up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'
- Luke 24:24-28, "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see. And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Him'. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent. So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight."
- Acts 5:19, "But in the night an angel of the Lord, opening the doors of the prison, took them out and said, 20 Go, take your place in the Temple and give the people all the teaching about this Life."
- Acts 9:2-6, "As Saul traveled along and was approaching Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. 4 He dropped to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The voice said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up, go into the city, and you will be told what you are to do."
- Acts 25:26-31, "But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, Get up, and go to the south, to the road which goes from Jerusalem to Gaza, through the waste land. And he went and there was a man of Ethiopia, a servant of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, and controller of all her property, who had come up to Jerusalem for worship; He was going back, seated in his carriage, and was reading the book of the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near, and get on his carriage. And Philip, running up to him, saw that he was reading Isaiah the prophet, and said to him, Is the sense of what you are reading clear to you? And he said, How is that possible when I have no guide? And he made Philip get up by his side.
- Matthew 2:12-13, "And it was made clear to them by God in a dream that they were not to go back to Herod; so they went into their country by another way. 13 And when they had gone, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream, saying, Get up and take the young child and his mother, and go into Egypt, and do not go from there till I give you word; for Herod will be searching for the young child to put him to death"
- Acts 27:23, "For this night there came to my side an angel of the God who is my Master and whose servant I am, 24 Saying, Have no fear, Paul, for you will come before Caesar, and God has given to you all those who are sailing with you. 25 And so, O men, be of good heart, for I have faith in God that it will be as he said to me. 26 But we will be sent on to a certain island."
- Acts 16:9, "As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately looked for a way to go to Macedonia, because we were convinced that God had called us to tell the people there the good news."
- Matthew 18:21, "

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9. Serve

- James 1:22-28, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."
- John 14:11, "I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father."
- 2 Timothy 2:15-17, "Do your best to present yourself to God as an approved worker who has nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of truth with precision."
- John 15:26, "I will send the Spirit, and you must testify."
- James 2:17 - Just as surely as a dead person does no works, so a faith, a religion, that does not include works is also dead. Thus, a person in whom living, saving faith exists will produce works."
- Ephesians 10, "the Father created us for good works, He prearranged for us to perform." How can a person with a dead faith that produces no works, be in God's Kingdom, since he would be failing to do the very thing for which God is creating him in Christ?"
- John 5:17, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."
- Hebrews 3:2, "God said to Moses, there is no one like you."
- Hebrews 10:22-25, "Let us draw near with a true heart, full of faith, our hearts removed from evil; holding fast to the profession of our faith without wavering; provoking each other to do good works; assembling ourselves together."
- Acts 9:5...18, Saul heard the voice of Jesus, saying to him, *Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?* And he said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, *I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.* The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one... then Ananias heard from the Lord, *Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.* He did as he was told, laid hands on Saul, who then rose and was baptized."
- Luke 12:47-48, "to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more."
- Luke 10:17, "And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name."

10. Public Prayer – compassionate believers

- Luke 11:17, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth."
- 1 Timothy 2:7, "I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and disputing."
- Acts 1:14, "These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."
- Luke 18:1, "And he spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray."
- Luke 19:46, "It is written, And my house shall be a house of prayer."
- Acts 2:42-44, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all that believed were together."
- Matthew 18:19, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven."
- Acts 12:5, "Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him."
- Acts 4:24-25, "And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O Lord, thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 who by the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say, Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples imagine vain things."

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- Nehemiah 9:1-38, "Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. 2 The seed of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, & the iniquities of their fathers. 3 They stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day: another fourth part they confessed, & worshipped Jehovah their God. 4 Then stood up upon the stairs of the Levites, ... said, Stand up and bless Jehovah your God from everlasting to everlasting; and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 Thou art Jehovah, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee... 35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. 36 Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it. 37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. 38 And yet for all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, seal unto it."
- 2 Corinthians 1:11, "ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf."
- 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
- James 5:14-15, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."
- Romans 15:5-6, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- James 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."
- Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
- Acts 2:42, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."
- Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."