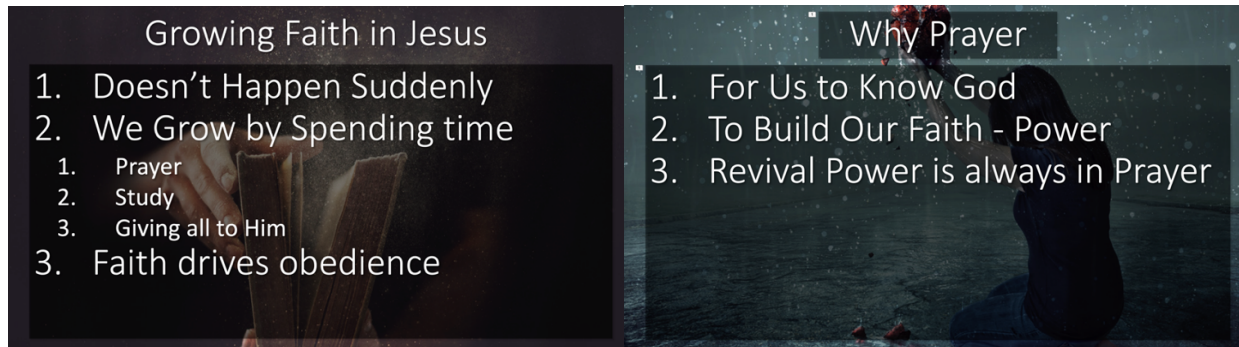


Practical Christianity

Part 3: What do we Pray?

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Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect _____ and the searching of the Scriptures, will be _____ by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind. Great Controversy 519

By your fervent prayers of faith you can move the arm that moves the world. -Adventist Home 264

Where are the men who will work and study and agonize in _____ as did Christ? -Medical Ministry 303

5 “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

8 “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. -Matthew 6:5–13 (NKJV)

Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a _____.
Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him.

Steps to Christ 93

Jesus knows the needs of His children, and He loves to listen to their prayers. Let the children shut out the world and everything that would attract the thoughts from God, and let them feel that they are alone with God, that His eye looks into the inmost heart, and reads the desire of the soul, and that they may talk with God. In humble faith you may claim His promises, and feel that although you have nothing in yourself whereby you may claim the favor of God, because of the merits and righteousness of Christ, you may come boldly to the throne

of grace, and find help in time of need. There is nothing that can make the soul so strong to resist the temptations of Satan in the great conflict of life, as to seek God in humility, laying before Him your soul in all its helplessness, expecting that He will be your helper and your defender. Sons and Daughters of God 121

And Enoch _____ with God; and he was not, for God took him. Genesis 5:24

To Walk With God—The father ... will bind his children to the throne of God by living faith. Distrusting his own strength, he hangs his helpless soul on Jesus and takes hold of the strength of the Most High. Brethren, pray at home, in your family, night and morning; pray earnestly in your closet; and while engaged in your daily labor, lift up the soul to God in _____. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. Adventist Home 212

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" And he was called the _____ of God. James 2:23

So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his _____ . Exodus 33:11

Through nature and revelation, through His providence, and by the influence of His Spirit, God speaks to us. But these are not enough; we need also to pour out our _____ to Him. In order to have spiritual life and energy, we must have actual intercourse with our heavenly Father. Our minds may be drawn out toward Him; we may meditate upon His works, His mercies, His blessings; but this is not, in the fullest sense, communing with Him. In order to commune with God, we must have something to say to Him concerning our actual _____ .

A Call to Stand Apart 26

What do you Pray? 1. _____

casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Rejoice always, _____ without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Unceasing _____ is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God....

We should pray in the family circle, and above all we must not neglect secret prayer, for this is the _____ of the soul.

A Call to Stand Apart 27

What do you Pray? 2. _____

²⁵ “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ But if you do not forgive,

neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Mark 11:25–26

“Prayer is heaven's ordained means of _____ in the conflict with sin and the development of Christian character. The divine influences that come in answer to the prayer of faith will accomplish in the soul of the suppliant all for which he pleads” *The Acts of the Apostles* 564

What do you Pray? 3. _____

For with God nothing will be impossible. Luke 1:37

If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. John 14:14

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.

Mark 11:23–24

What do you Pray? 4. _____

What do you Pray? 5. _____

Prayer Model to Helps

A _____

C _____

T _____

S _____

- Prepare the environment
- Set a specific time each day
- Read the Bible
- Confession
- Intercede for someone
- If easily distracted Pray Aloud!

Hindrances to Prayer

- We pray in unbelief. Jas. 1:6, 7; Mark 11:24
- We pray according to our own will. 1 John 5:14
- We seek the gift rather than the Giver. Jas. 2:23
- We pray prayers to feed our own lusts. Jas. 4:3
- We live in disobedience. Isa. 59:1, 2; Ps. 66:18
- We give up in prayer too easily. Luke 18:1-8
- We are judgmental toward others. Luke 6:37
- We are not able to forgive. Mark 11:26
- We have unresolved quarrels. Matt. 5:23, 24
- We turn a deaf ear to those in need. Prov. 21:13
- We lack honor in our family. 1 Pet. 3:7
- We have not learned to abide in Christ. John 15:7

The darkness of the evil one encloses those who _____ to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice them to sin; and it is all because they do not make use of the privileges that God has given them in the divine appointment of prayer. Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence? Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching we are in danger of growing careless and of deviating from the right path....

A Call to Stand Apart 27

It is time “The _____ victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power.”

Gospel Workers 259

I _____ commit to spending _____ amount of time in prayer and study everyday.