

— HOUSE OF — PRAYER — ◆ —

House of Prayer - Form, Friendship, and Faith

What is the first prayer that you can remember praying? Who taught you to pray it?

Read: Luke 11:1-4 NKJV

Read and discuss the list of action steps for prayer on the right side of the picture below. Why are each of these important in prayer? Which of the 5 aspects of prayer do you practice the most? Why are each important?

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

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

3 Give us day by day our daily
bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,
For we also forgive everyone who
is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into
temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

Glorification - Know your place

Submission - Submit your will.

Supplication - State your need.

Restoration - Share your struggle.

Direction - Set your course

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Read: John 15:15, James 2:23

The deepest purpose of prayer is friendship with God.

- Kelly Rhoades

What has made you feel closer to God in your friendship with Him?

What makes you feel more distant from Him?

How does sharing your life with other believers help strengthen your friendship with God?

The secret to friendship with God, and the foundation of all prayer, is simple faith.

-Kelly Rhoades

What role does faith play in both a powerful prayer life and in a deep friendship with God?

What is one story you hold onto to encourage you to keep the faith in difficult times?

How can we pray for each other tonight?

What a friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,

Oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

- Joseph Scriven (hymn, 1855)