

Luke 11:1 He was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

Martin Luther

I. Why don't we?

Because we may not know how

Because we may have a priority problem

Because we may not see prayer as part of a relational duty

Because God already knows what we need

Because we have not had our previous prayers answered.

II. Why pray?

Because we don't drive on a straight road

(there are turns and stops)

(it helps us make good choices)

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Because we are not superman and wonder woman

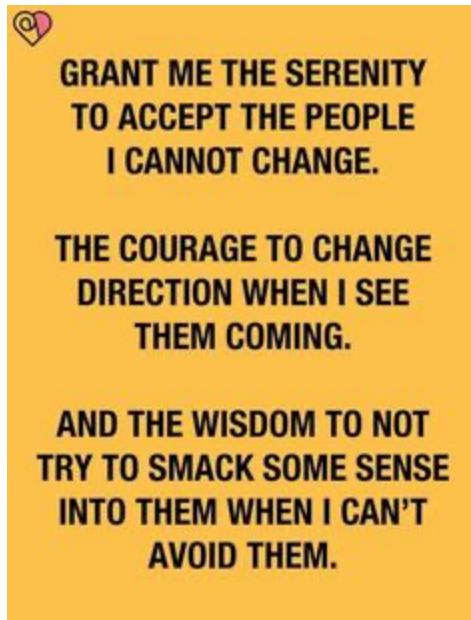
(it helps us get strength)

II Cor 12:7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

Because we are surrounded by "them"

(it helps us help others)

---Difficult people



Matt 6:12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹⁴ "For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. ¹⁵ But if you don't forgive others,^[a] your Father will not forgive your offenses.

---Hurting people

James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Because we have a hater

(it helps us combat "old slick")

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles, When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devils shouts for joy.

Corrie Ten Boom

Because we all goof up

(it helps keeps us "clean")

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



Because we tend to be worry

Phil 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

No one can pray and worry at the same time.

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When the problem is worry, the prescription is prayer.

David Jeremiah

Because Jesus did!

John 17:1_ Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

Close:

God's solution is a prayer away!

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