

**Just Pray
Why We Pray
Discover Church
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Prayer = **me talking to God and listening**

Seven Reasons to Pray

1. Because we need **wisdom** to handle our trials

“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.” James 1:5

2. Prayer helps in time of **trouble**

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.” James 5:13

3. We get **anxious** and **afraid**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7

4. We have **needs** that God can **supply**

“You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” James 4:2-3

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

5. God gave you an **assignment**

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.” Matthew 9:35

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:36-38

6. God answers the prayer of **faith**

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” 1 John 5:14-15

7. Pray **First**

“If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!” Joshua 7:7

“The Lord said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face?... That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies” Joshua 7:10

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

“pray continually” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Scripture: *James 1:5; James 5:13; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7; James 4:2-3; Philippians 4:19; Matthew 9:35; Matthew 9:36-38; 1 John 5:14-15; Joshua 7:7; Joshua 7:10; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17*