

Spiritual Inventory Handout - Prayer

A. Reflection Time – Quotes on Prayer

1. F.B. Meyer: “The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.”
2. Mark Batterson: “Failure is when we stop praying.”
3. Dr. Cho: “God does not answer vague prayers.”
4. Spiritual Warfare Book: “God will move in the affairs of mankind according to the degree and how specifically we pray...We must know without a doubt that prayer changes things. It makes a difference unlike anything else we can do. Prayer changes things because God answers prayer. When we pray (God’s will), God moves.”
5. Dean Sherman: “Not praying hinders God’s Kingdom.”
6. Author Unknown: “One prayer can change the impossible.”

Question #1: What speaks to you or challenges you about prayer in the previous quotes?

B. Reflection Time – Scriptures on Prayer

1. **Luke 11:5-9** “Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”
2. **Psalm 42:1-4** “As a deer thirsts for streams of water, so I thirst for

you, God. I thirst for the living God. When can I go to meet with him? Day and night, my tears have been my food. People are always saying, "Where is your God?" When I remember these things, I speak with a broken heart. I used to walk with the crowd and lead them to God's Temple with songs of praise."

3. **Matthew 6:9-13** "Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. ¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today the food we need, ¹² and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. ¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

Question #2: What speaks to you or challenges you about prayer in the previous scripture verses?

Question #3: On a scale of 1 (horrible) to 10 (awesome), how would you rate your prayer time with God this month and why?