

The Five P's of Prayer  
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Anything worth doing and becoming, both successfully and effectively, involves some form of discipline.

Spiritual disciplines are the practices found in the scriptures that promote godliness and contribute to the spiritual growth of our faith journey.

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

*What is prayer?*

Prayer is simply communication with to God.

The FIVE P's of Prayer

1. The privilege of prayer

- One of the greatest privileges we have as believers is prayer.

Scripture: I. John 5:14 (ESV)

- Prayer is the believers' primary way of communication *to* God.

## 2. The priority of prayer

Work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer. — *Martin Luther*

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-6 (ESV)

- When you pray Jesus is assuming that prayer is something we do as disciples. He doesn't say, "If you pray", but when you pray.

Scripture: Mark 1:35 (ESV)

Scripture: Luke 6:12 (ESV)

- Where you pray

Privately-

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-6 (ESV)

Corporately-

Scripture: Matthew 21:13 (ESV)

Constantly-

James 5:16 (ESV)

- How you pray

### 3. The purity of prayer

Scripture: Mark 11:25 (ESV)

### 4. The purposes of prayer

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42 (ESV)

- Dependency
  - *I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time—waking and sleeping. It does not change God—it changes me.” C.S. Lewis*

- Thanksgiving

Scripture: Psalm 9:1 (ESV)

- Adoration

Scripture: Isaiah 6:3 (ESV)

- Confession

Scripture: Psalm 51 (ESV)

Scripture: I. John 1:9 (ESV)

Scripture: Proverbs 28:13(ESV)

- Intercession

Scripture: I. Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)

- Petition

Scripture: Psalm 5:3 (ESV)

Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden. — *Corrie Ten Boom*

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

## 5. The power of prayer

The power isn't in the one praying, but in the one in whom we are praying to!

Scripture: Acts 12:5 (ESV)

Scripture: Matthew 26:41-42 (ESV)

Scripture: Mark 11:24 (ESV)

Scripture: James 5:16 (ESV)