

# Effectively Praying God's Will

How do we know when we are praying according to God's will?

## 1 John 5:14-15

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<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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John 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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# Aligning Your will with God's will

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Luke 22:42 says, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

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# How do we know what God's will is?

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- Biblical truths about God's character
  - Love your neighbour
  - If I see a brother sinning a sin, pray for him. (1 John 5:1)
- What you should pray:
  - To know God more
  - Bless your enemies
  - For your unsaved friends, family etc.
  - For God's will to be done and His kingdom to come
  - For protection and provision
  - Paul's prayers in his letters

- Ryde building
- Relationship
- Travel
- Big purchase
- Coronavirus

What  
about...

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# When to keep knocking

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.  
Matthew 7:7



# Luke 18- The Persistent Widow

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When do I persist in prayer and when do I stop?

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Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

# Your Prayer Helper

Romans 8:26-27

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# Discussion in Groups

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1. What helps you align your will to God's?
  2. When do I persist in prayer and when should I stop?
  3. Is there a prayer that you prayed that you are glad that God did not answer in the way that you had hoped?
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