

Why do we pray?

- 1. When we pray, we can think about God's promises and pour out our hearts before Him. This is our greatest blessing that we can go to Him directly and draw close to Him.**

- . The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. (Psalm 145:18 ESV)
- . Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. (James 4:8a ESV)

- 2. We pray every day and God helps us every day.**

- . The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. (Psalm 28:7 ESV)
- . Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16 ESV)

- 3. When we pray, God listens and responds immediately. He commands all things to work for us. Just that we can't see it.**

- . For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5 ESV)
- . In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You store them in Your shelter from the strife of tongues. (Psalm 31:20 ESV)
- . In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because He was angry. Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from Him. (Psalm 18:6-8 ESV)

- 4. When we pray, God will remind us and prepare our hearts to face each and every situation.**

- . Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will He instruct in the way that He should choose. (Psalm 25:12 ESV)

- . If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5 ESV)
- . O LORD, You hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart; You will incline Your ear. (Psalm 10:17 ESV)

5. Can God hear me if I pray softly or pray in my heart?

Yes. God can definitely hear everything. He knows all our thoughts too. He's delighted when we talk to Him and express ourselves to Him. He feels very, very happy that we trust Him.

- . "And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve Him with a whole heart and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever..." (1 Chronicles 28:9 ESV)
- . But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him..." (Matthew 6:6-8 ESV)

6. God already knows all my needs, so do I still need to ask from Him?

God's willing to give us good things. However, we should treasure His grace and tell Him our needs.

God's willing to give but Satan will object to it. When we pray and ask for our needs, Satan can't accuse God of favoring us and giving us good things.

- . If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! (Matthew 7:11 ESV)
- . Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia..." (Daniel 10:12-13 ESV)
- . And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor

respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them?..."(Luke 18:1-7 ESV)

7. Why is it when we ask from God for something, sometimes we get it and sometimes don't.

God listens to our prayers. And according to His wisdom, He has the best plan and gives us the right thing at the right time. God's love to us is always the same. Furthermore, God wants to train up our faith. He wants us to gain the best.

- . For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9 ESV)
- . And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 ESV)
- . Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)

8. The more we pray, the more blessings we get.

- . I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (Psalm 116:1-2 ESV)
- . On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased. (Psalm 138: 3 ESV)
- . The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. (Lamentations 3:25 ESV)
- . Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)

9. When we pray for other, we can be happy and bless others. We'll feel happy when we pray for others, and they will be greatly bless by our prayers.

- . I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy. (Philippians 1:3-4 ESV)
- . I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints. (Philemon 1:4-5 ESV)
- . First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior. (1 Timothy 2:1-3 ESV)