



WORD OF THE YEAR 2022

ROOTED

Rooted in Prayer Dr. Jeremy McGarity

"Lord, teach us to pray."

LUKE 11:1 (NLT)

I. Prayer Misconceptions

- Prayer is a **SUPERSTITIOUS** thing.
- Prayer is a **LAST RESORT** thing.
- Prayer is **BEGGING**.
- Prayer is **EMOTIONAL**.
- Prayer is a religious **DUTY**.

II. Purposes of Being Rooted in Prayer

1 Prayer expresses my **D E V O T I O N** and **D E P E N D E N C E** on God.

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers... But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"

JOHN 15:5-7 (NLT)

2 Prayer **D E E P E N S** and **S T R E N G T H E N S** my **ROOTS** in Christ.

"I no longer call you servants because a servant doesn't know his master's business. Instead I have called you friends... I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name."

JOHN 15:15-16 (NLT)

"Come close to God and God will come close to you."

JAMES 4:8 (NLT)

3 Prayer deepens my **ROOTS** when God **A N S W E R S**.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 (NLT)

"I tell you the truth, the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name...Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

JOHN 16:23-24 (NIV)

* **P R A Y E R** is God's chosen method for meeting your needs.

"He fulfills the desires of those who reverence and trust him."

PSALM 145:19 (LB)

"Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

PSALM 37:4 (NIV)

"...The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right."

PSALM 84:11 (NLT)

4 Prayer allows me to **D O G O D ' S** **W O R K**.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

JOHN 14:12-14 (NLT)

"The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; he guides it wherever he pleases."

PROVERBS 21:9 (NLT)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 What stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2 Did someone teach you to pray, or did you just begin praying?
- 3 Pastor Jeremy talked about misconceptions in prayer. Out of the five misconceptions, did you relate to any of them?
- 4 Do you feel closer to God when you pray? Why do you think that is true or not true? Feel free to go over the five purposes of prayer in your notes.
- 5 How can we be praying for you this week?



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Upcoming Events

- 3.13 | Newcomer Meet & Greet
- 3.13 | Classic Praise
- 3.24 | Adult Basketball League
- 3.25 | Worship Night
- 3.30 | Membership Dinner