

2 Building a Relationship

Prayer in Relationship

Reflection

Read and complete the following:



Do you only talk to your friend when you want something? How about God?

What are some things you can pray about?

- Your personal needs
- The needs of others
- The needs of your community, nation, or world
- Simply to know God better



Psalm 145:18

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Jeremiah 29:12

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.



What do these two verses say about God's desire to answer prayer?

There is no single "right" way to pray. You should do whatever helps you find God's presence in the moment.



When do you pray most often?

Have you ever prayed somewhere that was out of the ordinary? Where?



Matthew 6:7 (KJV)

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7 (NLT)

When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.



What does Matthew 6:7 say about prayer?



Luke 11:2-4

² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.



In Luke 11:2-4, what did Jesus say about prayer?



If you could ask God anything, what would you ask?
