
Commitment to Prayer

Prayer is a mode of communication, or talking, with God. It is simply speaking with God personally. Exactly the way we speak with our friends, we can speak with God. Prayer is one of the easiest aspects of the Christian life, but it is often difficult to practice. If someone were to ask you, “When do you pray?” how would you respond?

Someone once asked a pastor, “Why is it necessary to pray?” The pastor responded, “Because God told us to.” It seems so simple. It is said of the famous pastor in the 1500s, Martin Luther, that if he had a busy day, he prayed for an hour. If he had a very busy day, he prayed for two. He understood the importance of prayer.

Principles of Prayer

Read Philippians 4:6-7. What are the three principles of prayer that Paul writes to the believers?

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- 2.
- 3.

An Example of an Effective Prayer

Read Acts 4:23-31

In this passage, we see the believers were gathered together to pray that God would continue to work out His plan. What are some of the characteristics of their prayer?

In verses 25 and 26, the believers read from Psalm 2:1-2. Why do you think they used this passage?

Why might it be important to use Scripture when we pray?

Why did the believers pray in the name of Jesus?

Trusting God to Hear our Prayer

Read John 15:17 and Matthew 21:22

What is the relationship between listening and asking?

What is the relationship between faith and asking?

Application

Think for a moment about any personal prayer requests you might have and share one or two with the group so we can pray for you during the week. Use this space to write down the prayer requests of others in your group.