



20 Beliefs Every Christian Should Know

Lesson 5 – Prayer

Key Verse: Philippians 4:6

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Overview

One of the ways we can have a relationship with God is through prayer. Prayer is the personal communication from us to God. In prayer, we communicate our requests, confess our sins, give adoration and praise, and thank Him for who He is and all He has done for us. In this lesson we will discover how to pray and why prayer is so important for the life of believers.

“Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face to face with God.”

—D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Who do we pray to?

1. Luke 11:2. Who did Jesus tell the disciples to pray to? _____
2. John 16:23. Who did Jesus say we are to ask? _____
3. John 14:13. In whose name do we make our requests? _____
4. Ephesians 6:18. What does this verse tell us about praying? _____

Who do we pray for?

1. James 5:16. Who does James tell us to pray for? _____
2. Matthew 5:44. Who does Jesus tell us to pray for? _____
3. 1 Timothy 2:1–2. Who does Paul tell us to pray for? _____

“Our failure to ask God for things is often the reason we do not receive what He delights to give to us. James says, ‘You do not have, because you do not ask’ (James 4:2).” —Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 49

What do we pray for?

1. John 17:15. What was Jesus' prayer for the disciples? _____
2. Ephesians 3:14–16. What was Paul's prayer for the Ephesians? _____
3. Ephesians 6:19. What did Paul want prayer for? _____
4. Colossians 4:3. What was Paul's request in this verse? _____
5. Revelation 22:20. What was John's prayer in this verse? _____
6. Romans 10:1. What was Paul's prayer for the Jews? _____

“We spend more prayer energy trying to keep sick Christians out of heaven than trying to keep lost people out of hell.”

—James Walker

Where do we pray?

1. Matthew 6:5–6. Where does Jesus tell us to pray? _____
 - a. Why? _____
2. Matthew 14:23. Where did Jesus go to pray? _____

When do we pray?

1. Psalm 55:17. When did David pray to God? _____
2. 1 Timothy 2:8. In what setting does Paul say we are to pray? _____
3. Acts 27:33-35. In these verses, when did Paul pray to God? _____
4. James 5:13. When does James tell us to pray? _____

Why Pray?

1. Matthew 6:8. What does this verse tell us about God? _____
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Why are we to pray? _____
3. Luke 11:1. What was Jesus doing in this verse? _____
 - a. What did the disciples ask? _____
4. Luke 11:9. What three actions does this verse tell us to do? _____
5. Luke 11:10. What three promises are given to those pray? _____

“If Jesus answered all of your prayers from the last thirty days, would anything change THE world or just YOUR world.”
—John W. Bryson

How do we pray?

1. Matthew 6:7–8. What does Jesus say about how we are to pray? _____
2. James 4:2. How does James tell us not to pray? _____
3. Matthew 21:22. What is the condition of our heart when praying? _____
4. Hebrews 7:25. How are we supposed to approach the throne of God? _____
5. Psalm 66:18. What must be our heart condition before God when we pray? _____
6. 1 John 5:14. How does John tell us to pray? _____

“Prayer is not asking God to do my will. It is bringing myself into conformity with His will. It is asking Him to do His will and to give me the grace to enjoy it.” —John MacArthur

Application

1. What needs to change in your prayer life?
2. How can you be better at praying for others?
3. In what ways does your thinking of creation need to change?