

Grow Deeper: Prayer

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Bible Verses & Quotes

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6

"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

"Prayer delights God's ear; it melts His heart; and opens His hand. God cannot deny a praying soul." - Thomas Watson

"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." - Søren Kierkegaard

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." - Mother Teresa

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie ten Boom

"Let us never forget to pray. God lives. He is near. He is real. He is not only aware of us but cares for us. He is our Father. He is accessible to all who will seek Him." - Gordon B. Hinckley

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." - Martin Luther

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." - Abraham Lincoln

"If you have but one prayer to offer up to God, make it thank you!" - Meister Eckhart

"The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us ... but that we will finally hear God." - William McGill

Resources

Books on Prayer

Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home by Richard Foster

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? by Phillip Yancey

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God by Timothy Keller

Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer by Max Lucado

The Pursuit of God by AW Tozer

50 Ways to Pray by Teresa Blythe

Too Busy Not to Pray by Bill Hybels

Tools for Prayer

The 7 Day Prayer Journal - <http://translucentwords.com/the-7-day-prayer-journal/>

The Daily Examen - <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/how-can-i-pray>

www.sacredspace.ie - daily prayer and scripture reading online

<https://guideposts.org/faith-in-daily-life>

<http://upperroom.org/emaildevotional>

<http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/daily-prayer/>

Try It This Week

Spend time in prayer this week using the "ACTS" model of prayer.

Adoration – Tell God how much you appreciate Him. Express your love for Him. Praise His power and majesty.

Confession – Tell Him where you have fallen short. Be specific. I thank Him for the forgiveness I have in Christ, and ask for help and strength to turn away from future temptations.

Thanksgiving – Thank God for His love, His faithfulness, His patience and a million other things. Express gratitude for what He's doing in your life.

Supplication – Bring your requests to God, both for yourself and others, and trust in His plan for your life.