



I. WHY SHOULD I PRAY?

1. Prayer is a primary means of connecting to and communicating with God

We look upon prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves; The Biblical idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

Oswald Chambers

2. Prayer is designed to deepen my friendship with God

A-C-T-S Method of Organizing Prayer

A = Adoration C = Confession T = Thanksgiving S = Supplication

The LORD spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks with his friend.

Exodus 33:11 (NCV)

I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father.

John 15:15 (TEV)

II. WHAT DID JESUS PRAY FOR? - JOHN 17:1-25

1. Himself (v.1-5)

2. His disciples (v.6-19)

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)

3. All believers—Us (v.20-25)

But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

II. HOW CAN I DEVELOP A DYNAMIC PRAYER LIFE LIKE JESUS?

1. Decide to make prayer a priority in my life.

Never stop praying.
1 Thessalonians 5:17 (GWT)

2. **Listen to God before you talk to Him**

Trust the LORD, and do good things. Live in the land, and practice being faithful. Be happy with the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:3-4 (GWT)

“This is God’s Message... ‘Call to me and I will answer you. I’ll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.’

Jeremiah 33:2a-3 (MSG)

For Jehovah God is our Light and our Protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will he withhold from those who walk along his paths.

Psalm 84:11 (TLB)

If the request is wrong, God says, “No”
If the timing is wrong, God says, “Slow”.

If I am wrong, God says, “Grow”.

If the request is right, the timing is right, and I am right God says, “Go”!

Dr. Robert Schuller

3. **Follow examples of dynamic prayer**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Luke 11:1 (NIV)

Follow scripture:

Jehoshaphat – 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; David – 1 Chronicles 29:10-19; Hanna – 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Solomon – 1 Kings 3:5-15; Peter - Matthew 14:30

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NIV)

4. **Create a plan for regular prayer.**

We do not drift into spiritual life or disciplined prayer. We will not grow in prayer unless we plan to pray.

D. A. Carson

- A time
- A place
- A record

I recall the many miracles he did for me so long ago. Those wonderful deeds are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about them.

Psalm 77:11 (TLB)