

Speak *to communicate vocally; mention*

What has been your experience with prayer?
Have you ever seen God answer a prayer?

What picture best represents your view of prayer?



Prayer is quite simply, communication with God. The point of prayer is not what you can get from God but developing close fellowship with Him. Cultivating a habit of constant prayer will develop your walk with God and enable you to see Him working in every area of your life. It has been said that, "Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees."

Read the following verses on prayer and jot down something beside it that will remind you what it says.

Jeremiah 33:3

Matthew 7:7-11

Mark 1:35

Luke 5:16

John 15:7

Philippians 4:6-7

Colossians 4:2-6

Hebrews 4:16

1 Peter 4:7

1 John 5:14-15

Which verse best relates to where you are right now in life.

What makes it difficult for you to pray?

Which verse inspires you to pray?

Which verse clarifies something for you about prayer?

Read **Philippians 4:6-7**

What is the command?

What is the promise?

Read **1 John 5:14-15**

How can we know that God hears our prayers?

How can we be sure He will answer?

Read 1 or 2 the following examples of prayer and talk about what stands out to you.

1 Kings 3:3-14

Psalms 51:1-12

John 17

Colossians 1:9-12

There should be intentional time set aside to pray during our quiet time each day. The Bible also encourages us to pray continually or literally throughout the day, anywhere at any time.

Tools that help us stay strong in prayer

- **Keep with it.** It isn't natural at first, but we can pray by praying, make it a habit.
- **Schedule time to pray every day** and continue that attitude of prayer throughout the day.
- **Keep a prayer list.** As God directs, write down prayer requests and concerns. Put together a "10 Most" Wanted list of the people you would like to see become Christians.
- **Find a prayer partner.** Find someone you can pray with on a consistent basis.
- **Prayer Meetings.** These are great places for encouragement to pray with a number of other believers. You can learn a lot from listening and agreeing in prayer with others.
- **Journal your prayers.** If you find you are getting distracted while praying, it helps to write out your prayers.
- **Pray Scripture.** As you read, pray scripture for yourself and others in your life.

Share some things you'd like to pray for and spend some time praying together.

This week write down a list of the top 10 people who don't know Christ you'd like to pray for. Bring the list next week to pray for together.