



40 *days of* Prayer

A Beginner's Guide to Prayer

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”



Ecclesiastes 3:11

New International Version

- WE'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT PRAYER



“26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans”.



Romans 8:26

New International Version

“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

New International Version

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“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words”



Matthew 6:7

New American Standard

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER



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1. GOD LOVES FOR YOU TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT ANYTHING



“The Lord is like a father to His children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear
Him..”



Psalm 103:13

New Living Translation

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11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.”



Jeremiah 29:11-12

New International Version

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

- 1. GOD LOVES FOR YOU TO TALK TO HIM
ABOUT ANYTHING**
- 2. GOD LISTENS TO PRAYERS THAT ARE
SINCERE AND SIMPLE**



5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.



Matthew 6:5-8

New International Version

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.””



Matthew 6:5-8

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7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”



Matthew 6:5-8

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“Let us come near to God with a sincere heart
and a sure faith...”



Hebrews 10:22

Today's English Version

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

3. GOD LIKES TO SHOW HIS GRACE BY ANSWERING PRAYER



“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him?”



Matthew 7:11

New Living Translation

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

3. GOD LIKES TO SHOW HIS GRACE BY
ANSWERING PRAYER

4. GOD LONGS TO BE CLOSE TO YOU



“So the Lord must wait for you to come to Him so he can show you his love and compassion.

For the Lord is a faithful God.

Blessed are those who wait for his help.”



Isaiah 30:18

New Living Translation

- God designed you for a relationship
- He made you to love you
- He created you for His companionship
- He chose you to be His child



“I don't want your sacrifices – I want your love! I don't want your offerings, I want you to know me!”



Hosea 6:6

Living Bible

Jesus said, “I don’t call you servants...I call you my friends!”



John 15:15

“Come near to God and He will come near to you.”



James 4:8

New International Version

**THE CLOSER I AM TO GOD, THE LESS STRESSED
& MORE BLESSED I'LL BE**



**IF YOU COULD ASK GOD FOR ONE THING, AND
YOU KNEW THAT YOU WOULD GET IT RIGHT
NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU ASK FOR?**



**BEGIN EVERYDAY WITH A CONVERSATION
GO DEEPER, JOIN A SMALL GROUP**

