

Why do we Pray?
"The Lord's Prayer" Series

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Introduction

In this message we learn why we pray: because we are not God but need and belong to him.

The Text: Various

1) There are four reasons drawn from Scripture that explain why we pray:

a) We pray because we are created.

b) We pray because we are desolate.

c) We pray because we are blind.

d) We pray because we are proud.

2) Defining prayer: "personal communication with God in response to knowledge of God."

Response

Why do we Pray? We pray because we know we are not God, but we are in need of and belong to him.

Small Group Questions for "Why do we Pray?" (Lord's Prayer Series)

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1) Starter Question: How would you answer the question: "Why do we pray?"

2) Would it be wrong or a sin for a Christian not to pray? Explain.

3) Statistics and our own church's experiences suggest prayer is not a priority for many Christians. Why is that the case?

4) How does being *created* (i.e., made in God's image) give us reason to pray?

5) How does being *desolate* (i.e, empty without God) give us reason to pray?

6) How does being *blind* (i.e., lacking perspective and insight) give us reason to pray?

7) How does being *proud* (i.e., lacking self-awareness and submission) give us reason to pray?

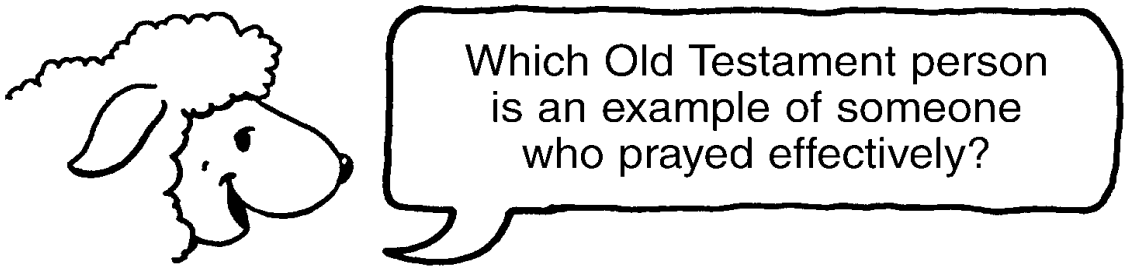
8) Read Hebrews 4:13. How might this verse make you act differently in regard to how you pray?

9) What are the reasons you do *not* pray? Try to be specific and honest.

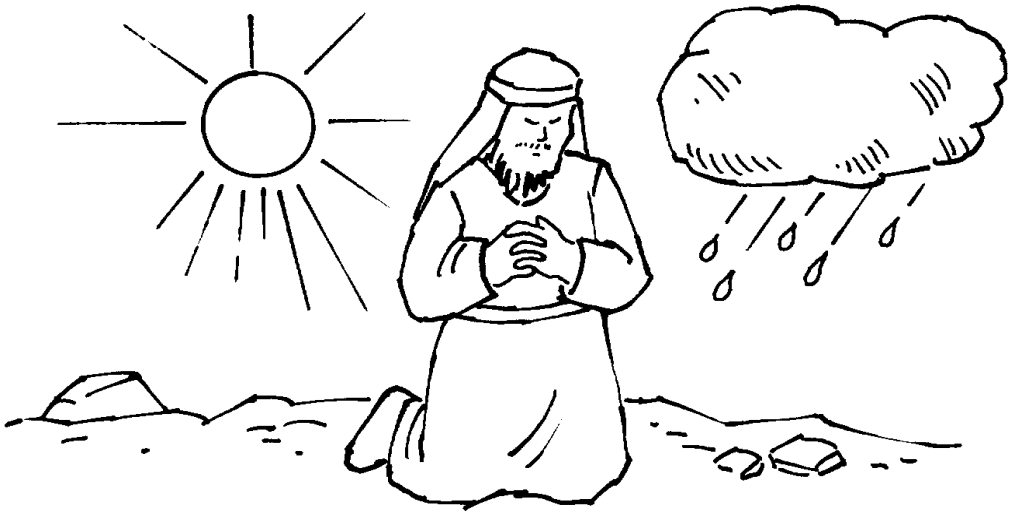
10) How might a proper understanding of "why we pray" direct the prayer life of Christians and the church?

Further study this week: Key biblical texts related to our current health crisis: Psalm 23 (Mon); Philippians 4 (Tues); Ecclesiastes 3 (Wed); James 1 (Thurs); Psalm 27 (Fri).

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Unscramble the letters in parentheses to complete the short story. Then place the numbered letters in the blanks to spell the answer.



A man ___ ___ ___ ___ (tusj) like us
4

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (drapey) that it would not
1

___ ___ ___ ___ (nira). No rain fell on the
3

___ ___ ___ ___ (nald) for three and one half
2

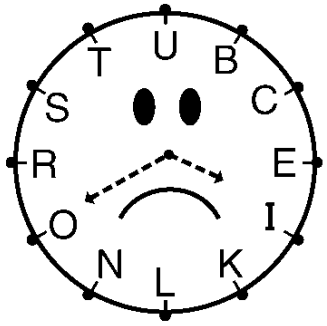
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (sayer). Again he prayed and
5

the ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ (sevenah) gave rain.
6

Who was he? ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
1 2 3 4 5 6

Pray for Each Other

Use the “happy” clock and the “sad” clock to decode the words.



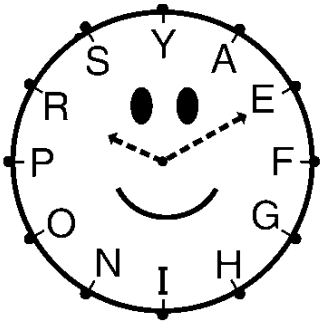
When we’re in

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___,

pray for help.

When we ___ ___ ___, pray for forgiveness.

When we’re ___ ___ ___ ___, pray for healing.



When we’re ___ ___ ___ ___ ___,

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.

Prayer is exciting because it produces results!



Supply the missing letter to complete each vertical word.
Use the letters to complete the sentence.

The prayer of a righteous person is

H				S	C		
A	S	Y	P	T	R	G	H
P	T	A	O	O	A	L	E
Y	P	N	T	Y	T	E	P



and



	G	S			T		D	
W	I	T		T	O	T	R	T
		I	K	A	O	W	I	R
B	T	F	Y	K	H	G	E	E



What did James instruct Christians to do?

Cross out every word that contains more than one "o."
Write the remaining 11 words in order on the lines.

BLOOD	SOON	CONFESS	ROOT	YOUR
POOR	GOOD	TOOK	OBOE	SINS
COHORT	TO	EACH	OTHER	ROBOT
MOON	AND	ROOM	BORROW	FOOD
PRAY	WOOD	FOOT	FOR	NOON
EACH	POROUS	BOOK	OTHER	SPOON

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