

Psalm 55:16-17 (GW) ¹⁶ But I call on God, and the LORD saves me. ¹⁷ Morning, noon, and night I complain and groan, and he listens to my voice.

17) When should you pray? Why?

18) Is it ok to schedule your time of prayer?

19) How would your day go if you set aside specific times for prayer?

20) What is the last thing you should do at night?

21) What is keeping you from living a life of prayer?

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Mark 11:22-26 (GW) ²² Jesus said to them, “Have faith in God! ²³ I can guarantee this truth: This is what will be done for someone who doesn’t doubt but believes what he says will happen: He can say to this mountain, ‘Be uprooted and thrown into the sea,’ and it will be done for him. ²⁴ That’s why I tell you to have faith that you have already received whatever you pray for, and it will be yours. ²⁵ Whenever you pray, forgive anything you have against anyone. Then your Father in heaven will forgive your failures.”

1) What are the requirements for the prayer of faith?

Matthew 6:5-6 (GW) ⁵ “When you pray, don’t be like hypocrites. They like to stand in synagogues and on street corners to pray so that everyone can see them. I can guarantee this truth: That will be their only reward. ⁶ When you pray, go to your room and close the door. Pray privately to your Father who is with you. Your Father sees what you do in private. He will reward you.

2) What does Jesus say we shouldn’t do when praying?

3) How should we pray?

James 5:16 (GW) ¹⁶ So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. Prayers offered by those who have God’s approval are effective.

4) What is a requirement for God to answer your prayers? How do you get this?

1 Kings 18:41-46 (GW) ⁴¹ Then Elijah told Ahab, “Get up, eat, and drink. It sounds like a heavy rain is coming.” ⁴² Ahab got up to eat and drink.

Elijah went to the top of Carmel and bowed down on the ground to pray. ⁴³ He said to his servant, “Please go back to ¹Mount Carmel¹, and look toward the sea.” He went up, looked, ¹came back,¹ and said, “There’s nothing.” Seven times Elijah told him, “Go back.”

5) How many times did Elijah pray for rain?

6) Why didn’t Elijah give up?

7) What does this teach us about prayer?

Daniel 9:1-3 (GW) ¹Xerxes’ son Darius, who was a Mede by birth, was made ruler of the kingdom of Babylon. ²In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from the Scriptures the number of years that Jerusalem would remain in ruins. The Lord had told the prophet Jeremiah that Jerusalem would remain in ruins for 70 years. ³So I turned to the Lord God and looked to him for help. I prayed, pleaded, and fasted in sackcloth and ashes.

8) What was Daniel doing when he learned that the exile would last 70 years?

9) What did Daniel do next?

10) What does this tell us about the kinds of prayers we should pray?

What to Pray for

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (GW) First of all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, ²for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way. ³This is good and pleases God our Savior. ⁴He wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth.

11) What things does Paul tell us to pray for?

12) Does anything on this list surprise you? Why?

Luke 6:27-28 (GW) ²⁷“But I tell everyone who is listening: Love your enemies. Be kind to those who hate you. ²⁸Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who insult you.

13) What should you be praying for those who persecute you?

Matthew 6:7-8 (GW) ⁷“When you pray, don’t ramble like heathens who think they’ll be heard if they talk a lot. ⁸Don’t be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

14) What should you pray for?

15) If God knows before you ask him, why pray?

When to pray

Psalms 5:3 (GW) ³In the morning, O LORD, hear my voice. In the morning I lay my needs in front of you, and I wait.

16) When should you pray? What for?

17) How will your day look if you start it with prayer?