

Prayer has always been an essential aspect of the lives of God’s children, and so it is with Christians today. In its most basic definition, prayer means, “Talking to God.” Through prayer, we give voice to our adoration of and dependence upon God our Creator, hence prayer is properly classified as an act of worship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:15). The Bible only gives Christians the promise of confidence that their prayers are heard by God (1 John 5:14-15; 1 Peter 3:12). Knowing how to pray properly is something that is both taught and learned. John taught his disciples how to pray, and in view of this, Jesus’ disciples ask Him to teach them how to pray (Lk 11:1-8).

1. What is the definition of prayer?
2. Is prayer an act of worship?
3. Can everyone have confidence that God hears their prayers?
4. In Luke 11:1, what did Jesus’ disciples want Him to teach them?

Instructions To Prayer

Luke 11:5-8; Lk 18:1-8; 1 Ths 5:17; Col 4:2; Jn 14:13-14; Eph 5:20

1. What principle of prayer is emphasized in the two parables Jesus tells (Lk 11:5-8; 18:1-8)?
2. What is meant by “Pray without ceasing?” (Consider Daniel 6:10; Lk 5:16)
3. What does it mean to pray in Jesus’ name?

Ingredients To Prayer

Lk 11:2-4; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; Php 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7

1. List four components (ingredients) to prayer.
2. Why are we to pray for those in authority in 1 Timothy 2:2?
3. Regardless of God’s answer, What are some positive and immediate results of prayer?

Impediments To Prayer

Jms 1:6-8; Mtt 21:20-22; 1 Jn 5:14; Jms 5:15-16; 1 Pt 3:11-12; Jms 4:3; Lk 18:9-14; 1 Pt 3:7

1. From the verses above, can you list six impediments (obstructions; hindrances) to prayer:
Discuss the remedies to these hindrances.
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 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 5) _____
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