



The Bible Speaks

PRAYERS THAT ARE ANSWERED

During the second World War, a flyer shot down in the Pacific Ocean, floated for some time on a rubber raft without being found. Finally, in desperation he prayed this prayer, "Dear God, I haven't asked you for anything for twenty years. If you will hear my prayer and send someone to rescue me; I won't trouble you for another twenty years."

One writer has said that too many people treat God like a lawyer or a physician. They go to Him only when they are in trouble or sick. Many people think of prayer as being something to save until a person is in great trouble and cannot find help any place else.

Prayer is the means by which those who live on earth can communicate with their Father who is in heaven. Christ, while here on earth, missed the daily communion with God that he had enjoyed in heaven. He spent whole nights in prayer, for this was His way of talking with His Father.

Adam, before he fell, was able each evening to walk and talk with God. Sin separated man from his heavenly Father as far as face-to-face communion was concerned, but God then gave man the privilege to talk with Him in prayer. What a privilege it is to commune with our heavenly Father at any time and under any circumstances.

God longs for us to open our hearts to Him and bring our problems to Him for His help. Let us discover how we can talk with God so that our prayers will be heard and answered.

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1. What did the disciples ask Jesus to do for them? **Luke 11:1**

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: Like the disciples, we need to learn from God to pray as Christ prayed, that God might hear and answer our petitions.

2. To whom should we pray? **Luke 11:2**

The Bible Answer: _____

3. In whose name can we confidently approach the throne of God in prayer?
John 14:14

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: It is through the merit of Christ's perfect life that we can confidently approach God in prayer.

4. With what should our prayers be mingled? **Philippians 4:6**

The Bible Answer: _____

5. How sincerely must we seek God in prayers? **Jeremiah 29:12,13**

The Bible Answer: _____

6. What assurance do we have the God will hear and answer our prayers?
Matthew 7:7,8

The Bible Answer:

"Ask _____"

"Seek _____"

"Knock _____"

7. How willing is God to answer the prayers of His people? **Matthew 7:11**

The Bible Answer: _____

8. What help is promised to the child of God that his prayers might be understood and answered by God? **Romans 8:26**

The Bible Answer: _____

9. What condition did Christ say is necessary before our prayers will be heard?
Mark 11:24

The Bible Answer: _____

10. If we lack faith when we pray, what does the Bible say will be the result?
James 1:6,7

The Bible Answer: _____

11. What petitions may we expect God to answer: **1 John 5:14,15**

The Bible Answer: _____

12. Why are some of our prayers not answered as we would like? **James 4:3**

The Bible Answer: _____

13. Under what conditions does the Lord refuse to hear our prayers? **Psalms 66:18**

The Bible Answer: _____

14. Whose prayers will be an abomination to the Lord? **Proverbs 28:9**

The Bible Answer: _____

15. How often should Christians pray? **Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thess. 5:17**

The Bible Answer: _____

16. When did David set aside special times for prayer? **Psalms 55:17**

The Bible Answer: _____

One writer has said that prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. It is sharing life's joys and woes with One who loves and cares. What a privilege to share our innermost thoughts with God!

On holidays it is often difficult to telephone a loved one because most circuits are already busy with calls placed by loved ones across the country. What a privilege it is to talk to one that is near and dear to you even though separated by many miles. Millions of dollars are spent each year by the American people because they want to talk to those they love.

It costs nothing but a little time spent on our knees to talk to the King of the Universe. How often we carry needless burdens and problems because we have not taken the time to pray! Let us decide today that our prayer life is going to be a rich, rewarding experience as we use it to become acquainted with our God. The circuits to the King of the Universe are never busy; there is always an opening for our sincere prayer.

(If you wish to respond to these questions, place a cross in the boxes.)

With God's help, I will spend some time each day in prayer.

I want to learn how to pray effectively.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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