

Let Us Pray

*Bend down, O Lord, and hear my prayer; answer me, for I need your help. Protect me, for I am devoted to you. Save me, for I serve you and trust you. You are my God. Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am calling on you constantly. Give me happiness, O Lord, for I give myself to you. O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help. Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry. I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble, and you will answer me. No pagan god is like you, O Lord. None can do what you do! All the nations you made will come and bow before you, Lord; they will praise your holy name. For you are great and perform wonderful deeds. You alone are God. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you. With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, for your love for me is very great. You have rescued me from the depths of death. O God, insolent people rise up against me; a violent gang is trying to kill me. You mean nothing to them. But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness. Look down and have mercy on me. Give your strength to your servant; save me, the son of your servant. Send me a sign of your favor. Then those who hate me will be put to shame, for you, O Lord, help and comfort me. **Psalm 86***

Why Should We Pray?

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*Devote yourselves to prayer, be watchful and thankful. **Colossians 4:2***

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **Romans 12:12***

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*If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14***

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You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. John Bunyan

Cast all your cares upon God because God cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

God show me all of my needs that you can help me with, big or small.

Now that we know what we have - Jesus, this great high priest with ready access to God - let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through the weakness and testing, experienced it all - all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help. Hebrews 4:14-16 (Msg.)

How Should We Pray?

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am calling on you constantly.

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever ...

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my saviour and my God. Psalm 42:5 In another Psalm David said, "Why am I so sad? Why am I so down? I will praise the Lord."

God smiles when we thank Him continually. Few things feel better than receiving heartfelt praise and appreciation from someone else. God loves it, too ... An amazing thing happens when we offer thanksgiving to God. When we give God enjoyment, our own hearts are filled with joy. Rick Warren

After Jesus dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Matthew 14:23

*Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray. **Matthew 26:36***

*Very early in the morning while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **Mark 1:35***

*But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. **Luke 5:16***

*One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. **Luke 6:12***

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **Luke 18:1***

Jesus prayed _____ others.

*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like children.' And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left. **Matthew 19:14-15***

Jesus prayed _____ others

*About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a mountain to pray. **Luke 9:28***