

The Purpose and Essence of Prayer
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Scripture References:

- Matthew 7:7, 8
- Matthew 6:5-7
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- 2 Peter 1:3
- Psalm 5:1, 2
- Joshua 1:8
- John 11:41-43
- Luke 11:1
- Mark 4:39
- 1 Corinthians 14:4
- Jude 1:20

Summary:

Prayer is extremely important in the life of a Christian. Not only is it how we communicate with God, but it also provides an opportunity to commune with Him. Understanding that genuine prayer is two-way communication between us and God, not simply something we do to perform for others, gives us real results.

Notes:

1. When we pray correctly, our prayers *will* be answered. The right attitude is important.
2. Just because we open with “Our Father” and end with “In Jesus’ name, amen” does not mean that what we say is prayer. The right kind of prayers come from a right attitude. We must not put too much importance on words; our motives are more important.
3. There is more than one way to pray. Prayer can also come from our hearts and minds.
4. Prayer is not simply the act of closing our eyes, folding our hands, or even kneeling; neither is it found only in words. Our thoughts and what we meditate on is also prayer.

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