

# Prayer Basics: What To Say

*"And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us." 1 John 5:14 (English Standard Version)*

Will God be \_\_\_\_\_ if we don't \_\_\_\_\_ certain things in prayer?

## Basic Preparations For Prayer

- A. Luke 18:9 - From this parable we learn that not all prayers are \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and that they don't have to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Other background considerations for those who pray:
  - 1. 1 John 3:21,22 - We can have \_\_\_\_\_ toward God because we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. 1 John 5:14 - If we ask \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_, He hears us.
  - 3. Hebrews 5:7 - Does God always \_\_\_\_\_ what we ask for?
  - 4. James 4:2,3 - We may not \_\_\_\_\_ because we don't \_\_\_\_\_, or because we ask \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5. Psalm 145:18,19 - The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ to those who call upon Him in \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ their desire.
- C. Prayer is not a golden \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in our times of desperation, but part of a fuller \_\_\_\_\_.

## What We Should Say In Our Prayers

- A. Matthew 6:9-13 - Some things Jesus told us to say in prayer:
  
  - B. Praying for more than material blessings:
    - 1. James 1:5 - We should sometimes ask for \_\_\_\_\_ (especially in our times of \_\_\_\_\_).
    - 2. 2 Thessalonians 3:1 - We should pray that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord may \_\_\_\_\_ ahead and be \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3. Ephesians 6:18 - We should pray for \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 4. Christians don't just live in the \_\_\_\_\_ realm, but also in the \_\_\_\_\_. Do our prayers reflect that?
  - C. Romans 8:26,27 - The \_\_\_\_\_ helps us when we don't know what to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1 John 2:1 - We also have \_\_\_\_\_ as our \_\_\_\_\_ to help when we must speak to the \_\_\_\_\_.

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