

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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