

# The Important Work Of Prayer

“And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” Luke 18:1, English Standard Version

Prayer is more than a \_\_\_\_\_. We must \_\_\_\_\_ it when needed.

## The Importance Of Prayer In The Old Testament

A. Occasions when prayer was vital:

1. 1 Samuel 12:19,23 – Samuel knew it would be a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ praying for the people.
2. 1 Samuel 7:8 – When threatened by the \_\_\_\_\_ they asked Samuel to \_\_\_\_\_ out to the Lord for them.
3. Exodus 32:10,11 – God might have \_\_\_\_\_ Israel if \_\_\_\_\_ had not interceded for them.
4. Jeremiah 15:1 - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were two great examples of men who prayed.
5. Daniel 9:23 - \_\_\_\_\_’s prayer prompted the angel \_\_\_\_\_ to be sent to him with a message.

B. In these instances, prayer was vital for obtaining the \_\_\_\_\_ from God that were desperately needed.

## The Christian And Their Important Work Of Praying

A. When someone asks us to pray for them, do we? Or are we just giving a “\_\_\_\_\_” response to their request?

B. Repeated encouragement to utilize prayer:

1. James 5:13-16 – The prayer of \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ the one who is sick; prayers of the \_\_\_\_\_ have great \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Luke 18:1 – We ought \_\_\_\_\_ to pray, and not \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
3. Matthew 26:41 – We are to \_\_\_\_\_ and pray that we might not enter into \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Acts 12:5 – Did the prayers of the \_\_\_\_\_ play a part in Peter’s \_\_\_\_\_ from prison?
5. Romans 15:30 – “\_\_\_\_\_ together with me in your prayers.”
6. Colossians 4:12 – Epaphras \_\_\_\_\_ in his prayers on their \_\_\_\_\_, that they might stand \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 4:16 – We can approach God’s \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, since it is a throne of \_\_\_\_\_. Let us be deliberate in making prayer a \_\_\_\_\_.

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