

Prayer 101: Why And Who

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17, English Standard Version

Many turn to prayer in time of _____. It is more than that?

Why Prayer Should Be Used Regularly

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Prayer isn’t just for times of _____, but is to be use without _____.
- B. Why prayer should be important to Christians:
 1. Isaiah 7:10-12 – Ahaz would not _____ God for a _____.
 2. Isaiah 38:5 – God _____ Hezekiah’s prayer, and gave him _____ more years of _____.
 3. Matthew 6:7 – Jesus _____ that His followers would pray.
 4. James 1:5,6 – When we need _____ we should pray, but be sure to ask in _____.
 5. James 4:2 – If we don’t _____, will we _____?
 6. James 5:16 – Praying is urged so we can be _____. The prayer of a _____ person has great _____.
- C. 2 Chronicles 7:14 – If God’s people _____ themselves and _____ His face, He will _____ their prayers.

Prayer: By Whom and To Whom?

- A. 1 Peter 3:12 – God’s _____ are _____ to the righteous, but His _____ is against those who do _____.
- B. To whom should we pray?
 1. Matthew 6:9 - _____ taught that prayer should be addressed to the _____ in _____.
 2. Matthew 7:11 – The _____ will give _____ things to those who _____ Him.
 3. Romans 8:34 - _____ is involved in our prayers by _____ for us.
 4. 1 Timothy 2:5 – Jesus is the _____ mediator between _____ and _____. No one else has this role.
 5. 1 Corinthians 1:2 – Christians _____ upon the _____ of Jesus. Does this show that we may also _____ to _____?

Matthew 26:41 – According to Jesus, prayer is _____ for our _____ well-being. We must not view it casually.

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