

Foundation for Living

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Definition

Prayer is that grace provision of the royal priesthood whereby the Church Age believer has access and privilege to communicate directly with God; the purpose of this communication is to acknowledge our sin, express adoration and praise to God, give thanks, intercede for others, and convey our personal needs, petitions, and conduct intimate conversations with God.

- **The Priority of Prayer**
- **The Pre-requisites for Prayer**
- **The Procedures for Prayer**
- **The Principles for Prayer**
- **The Promises for Prayer**

**All prayer is addressed to the Father —
Matthew 6:9; Ephesians 3:14;
1 Peter 1:17**

**The channel of approach is through the Lord
Jesus Christ as our Royal High Priest —
John 14:13, 14.**

The power of approach is the filling of the Holy Spirit — Ephesians 6:18.

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A doration

T hanksgiving

S upplication

Psa. 66:18, “If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear;”

Prov. 15:29, “The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.”

1 Peter 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, **that your prayers may not be hindered.**”

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Isa. 43:25, “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”

Psa. 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

**Psa. 117:1, “Praise the Lord, all nations;
Laud Him, all peoples!**

**Psa. 117:2, “For His lovingkindness is
great toward us, and the truth of the Lord
is everlasting. Praise the Lord!”**

**1 Thess. 5:18, “in everything give thanks;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ
Jesus.”**

Eph. 5:20, “always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;”

2 Cor. 2:14, “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.”

Rom. 8:34, “who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”

Heb. 7:24, “but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

Heb. 7:25, “Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Rom. 8:26, “And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

Rom. 8:27, “and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Matthew 18:19, “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”

Matthew 18:16, “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’

Matthew 18:19, “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.”

Matt. 6:7, “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition [*battalogia*], as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.”

1. Prayer is the most powerful asset in the believer's spiritual life.

2. Prayer is an awesome privilege that brings us immediately into the throne room of God, into the presence of the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them.

3. Prayer demands concentration and thought. While emotion may be present that is never the focus or the issue. Prayer relies on doctrine and fact, not on emotion and subjectivity.

4. Prayer should be the highest priority in your life after learning Bible doctrine. If intercession is the highest priority of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit then it should be your priority.

5. As believers our prayers fail because we fail in our spiritual lives, we do not understand the will and plan of God.

Jeremiah 33:3, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

Matt. 7:7, “Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.

Matt. 7:8, “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.”

1 John 5:14, “And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:15, “And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”

John 14:13, “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.”

John 15:7, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

John 16:23, “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.”

John 16:24, “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”