

Unleashing the Power of Prayer

Why Pray?

James 5:13a NLT

Are any of you **suffering hardships**? You should **pray**.

1. Because we **suffer hardships**.

The word “**prayer**” comes from the Latin word “**precarius**” meaning obtained by asking.

Precarius is the word from which we get the word “**predicament**” meaning a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.

2. Because we are **grateful**.

James 5:13 NLT

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you **happy**? You should **sing praises**.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. **Be thankful in all circumstances**, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

3. Because we need a place of **complete honesty**.

James 5:16a NLT

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

4. Because prayer is **powerful** and **effective**.

James 5:16 NLT

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The **earnest prayer** of a **righteous person** has **great power** and **produces wonderful results**.

James 5:17-18 NLT

Elijah was as **human as we are**, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

Mark 11:17a NLT

He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a **house of prayer** for all nations,’”