

# “Why Pray?”

“**Prayer** seems like a spasm of words lost in cosmic indifference.”  
George Buttrick 1942

**Precarius** (Latin) precarious, obtained through prayer

**Abraham** and **Moses** negotiated with God.

Prayer is a **life-giving** connection

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.

**Humble** yourself, God is greater

James 4:10 NLT

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Prayer helps us **realize** God is God and we are not.

Job 38:1-7,12-13,19-22 NLT

Then the LORD answered Job from the whirlwind: “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. Who determined its dimensions and stretched out the surveying line? What supports its foundations, and who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?

“Have you ever commanded the morning to appear and caused the dawn to rise in the east? Have you made daylight spread to the ends of the earth, to bring an end to the night’s wickedness?

“Where does light come from, and where does darkness go? Can you take each to its home? Do you know how to get there? But of course you know all this! For you

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were born before it was all created, and you are so very experienced! “Have you visited the storehouses of the snow or seen the storehouses of hail?

“Prayer, and only prayer, restores my vision to one that more resembles God’s. I awake from the blindness to see that wealth lurks as a terrible danger, not a goal worth striving for; that value depends not on race or status but on the image of God every person bears; that no amount of effort to improve physical beauty has much relevance for the world beyond.” Phillip Yancey

Psalm 46:10 NLT

“Be still, and know that I am God!”

Be **honest** with god

James 5:16 NLT

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Be **real**

Proverbs 27:19 NLT

As a face is reflected in water, so the **heart reflects** the real person.

Psalm 139:23 NLT

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

AA: You’re as sick as your **secrets**, and the sin you want to conceal the most; is the one you need to reveal the most.

“We must lay before Him what is in us, not what ought to be in us.” C. S. Lewis

Pray at **all times**!!!

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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.

*What a Friend we have in Jesus*

*All our sins and griefs to bear*

*What a privilege to carry*

*Ev'rything to God in **prayer***

Psalm 22:1-2,4 NLT

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.

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