

Prayer - Purpose, Practice, and Power



The Purpose of Prayer is _____

Not Just _____

(Luke 5:16) But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

God Desires _____, Not _____

(Matthew 6:6) But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

We are God's _____

(1 John 3:1) How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

(Galatians 4:6) Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.”

_____, Not Just _____

(John 15:4, 5) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. {5} “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Prayer Changes _____

(John 15:7a) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish...

So _____ your _____ with God

What are you _____ to?

(Colossians 4:2) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Pray for _____ so that we can _____

(1 Timothy 2:1–4) I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, {2} for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. {3} This is good, and pleases God our Savior, {4} who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Every great historical _____ started with _____

(Acts 1:12–14) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. {13} When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. {14} They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

(Acts 4:31) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.