

Prayer ... An Invitation to God's Heart

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Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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Teach Us to Pray – Matthew 6:8-13

I. Observations ...

- The Prayer is Given as a _____ / _____
- The Prayer is Mentioned _____ ... Matt. 6 & Lk. 11
- The Prayer is _____
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II. Since God knows all Things, then Why Pray?

Cp. Phil. 4:19; Ps. 23:1; Ps. 34:10; Jer. 31:25; Gen. 22:14; Matt. 7:7-8; Ps. 81:10; Rom. 8:26; Matt. 6:8

- God knows _____.
- God has committed himself _____ for his people.
- God has invited us to bring _____ to Him.
- We don't know what we _____.
- God knows _____ before we ask Him.

Application

We need to _____

We are Privileged to Pray for _____

Cp. Luke 18:7-8; James 5:16; Jude 20-23

1. Can you remember significant prayers of your past? Those unforgettable moments when prayer was at the center of all that was going on. What happened? How did prayer become significant at that moment? What was the result?

2. Read through some of Paul's prayers. What does Paul pray for? How can these prayers shape your prayer life?

Ephesians 1:15-23 Ephesians 3:14-23 Philippians 1:9-11
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3. What are questions you have about prayer? What is it you need to learn? Is there a step you need to take in developing your prayer life? How can this group assist you in this endeavor?

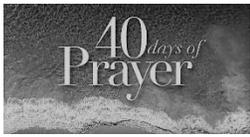
4. What would a church devoted to prayer look like? What impact would it have on its community? How would you rate the prayer life of your congregation? Is there a way that you could increase the prayer life of your congregation?

5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.

- What most motivates you to pray? What most discourages you from praying? How can you overcome this?
- Do you view prayer as a wartime walkie-talkie or as a bell to call the butler for more iced tea? Discuss how these opposing views might affect your prayer life.
- Why must we maintain the tension between God's power to change resistant hearts and man's responsibility to believe? What happens if either of these is out of balance?

Memory Verse

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 - The Prayer is Mentioned **Twice** ... Matt. 6 & Luke 11
 - The Prayer is **Simple**
 - The Prayer is **Brief**
 - The Prayer is **Comprehensive**
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 - b. God has committed himself **to provide** for his people.
 - c. God has invited us to bring **our needs** to Him.
 - d. We don't know what we **really need**.
 - e. God knows **what we need** before we ask him.

Application

We need to **Pray**

We are Privileged to Pray for **Salvation of the Lost**

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