

THE NECESSITY OF PRAYER

(Selected Scriptures)
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Why Pray?

A. IT PLEASES GOD (He desires it)
Prov 15:8 -The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

1. IT IS THE WILL OF GOD
1Thes 5:17-18; 1 Tim 2:8

2. IT IS A COMMAND OF GOD
Ps 27:8; Luke 18:1; Col 4:2-3; 1 Pet 4:7; Rom 12:12;1 Tim 2:1

B. IT GLORIFIES GOD (He is shown (proven) to be mighty, sovereign, faithful, etc.)

1. IT REVEALS GOD'S GREATNESS Jer 33:3

2. IT REVEALS MAN'S DEPENDANCE

C. IT BENEFITS US

1. PRAYER IS GOD'S APPOINTED WAY FOR HIS CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THINGS

Our needs are met by prayer:

- God wants to give guidance (An ability to know) Prov 3:5-6
- God wants to give us an ability to do that which we (by ourselves) cannot. Matt 17:21
- God wants to give us gifts (blessings) to have that which we do not have the ability acquire for ourselves

2. PRAYER IS GOD'S WAY FOR CHRISTIANS TO HAVE FULLNESS OF JOY (Jn.16:24)

3. PRAYER IS NEEDED TO GIVE US SPIRITUAL REVIVAL 2 Chron. 7:14

Matthew 7:7-12 *Pray! Your Father in Heaven gives!

How does God give?

I. God's Giving is GUARANTEED (v. 7)
(God answers prayer with certainty)

II. God's Giving is GENEROUS (v. 8)
(God answers prayer with impartiality)

III. God's Giving is GOOD (v. 9-11)
(God answers prayer with goodness)