THE PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER

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This practical Bible Study on Prayer will help you to “pray with understanding” 1 Cor.14:15

Oh, how our Father in Heaven loves to hear our simple prayers. In the Scriptures God is continually encouraging us to present our daily requests to Him as One who understands our great needs. God promises to hear us. “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers” 1 Peter 3:12. If you want to be saved at last you will need a strong, consistent, growing, simple prayer life. Everyday feel your need of more of the presence of the living Savior in your life and pray with burning desire that your life will be totally given over to His love. I can testify that prayer has been my greatest blessing in my life. I pray for my family and I know God hears and answers. So get out your prayer journal and begin writing down faithfully your prayer requests, God’s promises and miraculous answers to prayer.

1. Pray to our Father in Heaven, Abba – Matt.6:9; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; John 17:1,5,11,21,24,25
2. Pray to God as to a Friend. Abraham was a friend of God. – Jn. 3:16; 11:19; Prov.18:24; James 2:23; Matt.11:19
4. Pray claiming the merits, righteousness, worthiness and blood of Jesus Christ – 1 John 1:7; Phil.3:9; Rev.12:11; Isaiah 55:1,2; 2 Cor.1:30
5. Pray with sincerity not just vain repetitious prayers – John 4; Jer.29:13; Mt.6:7
8. Pray with great joy – Isaiah 12:2,3; Jer.15:16; Neh.8:10; Romans 15:13
9. Pray to seek God – Matt.7:7; Isaiah 55:6,7; Jer.29:12,13
10. Pray for increase our faith – Luke 17:5; Heb.12:1,2; 11:1,5,6; James 5:14-17; Mark 9:23,24
11. Pray with humility and surrender – 1 Peter 5:6; Matt.21:44; 18:1-4; 26:42; James 4:10; Gen.32:26;
13. Pray with thanksgiving and praise – 1 Thes.5:18; Luke 21:19; Psalms 100:4; Matt.14:19
14. Pray three times a day (At least morning and evening worship like Israel) – Daniel 6:10; Psalms 55:17
15. Pray in the morning – Psalms 5:3; Mark 1:35; Matt.6:33; Lamentations 3:22-25; Hosea 6:1-3; Acts 3:1; Isaiah 50:4
16. Pray an hour if possible. Jesus spent whole nights in prayer. Mt.26:40,41; Isaiah 28:16 (no haste)
17. Pray while lying on your bed –Psalms 4:4,8; 46:10
19. Pray with fasting at times – Nehemiah 1:4; Daniel 9,10; Matthew 4; 6:16;17:21
20. Pray at Church – Isaiah 56:7; Luke 18:10,13; Matt.18:19,20; Mark 11:17
21. Pray in your special place of prayer where you have privacy – Matt.6:6; Acts 10:9; Matt.26:36; Lk.9:28
22. Pray with the prayer of agreement – Matt.18:19; James 5:16
23. Pray with other believers – Matt.18:19,20; Acts 2; 3:1; 4:31
24. Pray without ceasing, talk to God, Jesus all through the day – 1 Thess. 5:17
25. Pray spontaneous, short prayers as needed throughout the day – Nehemiah 2:4
28. Pray out loud – Hebrews 5:7; John 11:41,42; Psalms 5:3
29. Pray in your heart – Psalms 4:4
30. Pray the promises of God – 2 Peter 1:3,4; Matt.4:4; Hosea 14:1-4; Daniel 9,10
31. Pray to understand the Word of God – 2 Tim.3:15-17; John 5:39; James 1:5,6; Proverbs 2:1-5; Jer.33:3
32. Pray for your physical and Spiritual daily bread – Matt.6 ; 4:4; John 6:35; Exodus 16
33. Pray for repentance and forgiveness while forgiving others – 1 John 1:9; Matt.6:12; Mk.2:17; Acts 5:31
34. Pray for guidance – Psalms 32:8; Isaiah 30:21 – Prov.3:5,6; Joshua 1:9
35. Pray for strength and grace – Isaiah 40:29-31; 2 Corinthians 12:9,10; Joel 3:10; Isaiah 41:10
36. Pray to overcome temptations and trials – 1 Cor.10:13; Rev.3:10,21; John 16:33; Matt.26:41; 6:13
37. Pray for financial blessings – Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 3:10; Haggai 2:8; Luke 6:38; 2 Cor.9:6; Acts 20:35
38. Pray for health – 3 John 2; John 10:10; Matt.10:8; James 5:14-17
40. Pray for souls to win. – Psalms 126; Prov.11:30; Daniel 12:3; Matthew 5:16; 1 Cor. 3:9; Matt. 4:19; Jn.17:20
41. Pray for more workers. – Matt.9:37,38; Rev.14:13
42. Pray for others. Prayers of intercession. Make a list of people to pray for. – Job 42; James 5:16; John 17; Daniel 9,10; Nehemiah 1:5-11
43. Pray for the fire of the Holy Spirit, the Presence of God & Jesus – Luke 3:16;11:13; Acts 2; Psalms 16:8,11; Mt.28:20
44. Pray by the Holy Spirit – Romans 8:26; Ephesians 6:18
45. Pray and listen – Psalms 46:10; Isaiah 30:21; Rev.3:20; John 10:27; Rev.18:4
46. Pray for purity – Matt.5:8; 1 John 3:3; Ephesians 5:27; Daniel 12; Rev.14:1-4; 1 Thess.5:23
47. Pray for fruits of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-25; John 15:1-8
48. Pray for peace of mind – John 14:27; Phil. 4:6,7; Numbers 6:24-26; Psalms 37:7; Matt.11:28-30
49. Pray for your marriage – John 2; Proverbs 31; Matthew 19:4-6; Eph.5:25; 1 Pet.3:1-9
50. Pray for your children – Proverbs ; Matthew 18:1-4
51. Pray calmly yet fervently allowing God to draw out your soul – John 6:44; Isaiah 50; Revelation 22:13
52. Prayer is taking hold of Jesus, plead with God for help – Isaiah 27:5; Genesis 32:26; Psalms 62:8
53. Prayer brings power from God – Acts 2; Ephesians 3:16-20
54. Prayer helps us to keep our eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12:2; Isaiah 45:22
55. Prayer of faith always brings answers beyond our expectations – Ephesians 3:20
56. Pray until you feel that you have given the burden to God. – Matthew 26; Psalms 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7; Phil. 4:6,7;
57. Pray with faith means you ask and believe God hears and answers – 1 John 5:14,15; John 14:13,14
58. Pray and then live out your prayers. Seek to cooperate with God in getting answers to your prayers – 1 Peter4:7. “be serious and watchful in your prayers.” Be ready to pray. Be ready to workout your prayers.
60. Read the book “Prayer” by Ellen G. White.

“Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a Friend” Steps to Christ
Most important is to just keep praying and do not lose heart for God is near us especially when we pray.