

# How to Pray

## Prayer That God Answers – Part 1

Life Church St. Louis – January 2, 2022

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*John 16:24 (ESV) Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*

*Matthew 21:22 (ESV) And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”*

*James 5:16 (NIV2011) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

*Luke 11:1 (ESV) Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”*

### 1. Pray with proper \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1A. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord

*Matthew 6:9 (ESV) Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

#### 1B. \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s will

*Matthew 6:10 (ESV) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

#### 1C. \_\_\_\_\_ God to meet needs

*Matthew 6:11 (ESV) Give us this day our daily bread,*

#### 1D. \_\_\_\_\_ your sins

*Matthew 6:12 (ESV) and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV) For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

#### 1E. \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s protection

*Matthew 6:13 (ESV) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ with proper motives

#### 1A. Don’t fast for \_\_\_\_\_ attention

*Matthew 6:16 (ESV) “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*

#### 1B. Fast for God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 6:17-18 (ESV) But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

### Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading and prayer (Matthew 6).
  - Mon
  - Tue
  - Wed
  - Thu
  - Fri
  - Sat
  - Sun

- How will I obey God’s Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**How to Pray Study Guide**  
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Intro. What does it mean to ask in Jesus' name (John 16:24)?

Why is faith required to have your prayers answered (Matthew 21:22)?

What is required for powerful and effective prayer according to James 5:16?

What aspects of prayer do you think you need more teaching on?

1A. In what ways are our prayers often out of balance in their content?

1B. What is the reason for beginning prayer with worship (Matthew 6:9)?

1C. How does God's kingdom come through our prayers (Matthew 6:10)?

1D. What is significant about praying concerning God's kingdom and will prior to asking for our needs (Matthew 6:11)?

1E. Why does Jesus say that our forgiveness is conditional on forgiving others (Matthew 6:12, 14-15)?

1F. How is praying "lead us not into temptation" in Matthew 6:13 claiming the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13?

1G. Which aspect(s) of the Lord' Prayer do you believe you need to improve on in your prayer life?

2A. Why would a hypocrite want others to know they are fasting (Matthew 6:16)?

2B. What indication is there in Matthew 6:17-18 that fasting is a command for all believers with a promise?

2C. How does fasting make prayer more effective and powerful?

2D. What topics do you believe the Lord wants you to focus on in our 21 days of prayer and fasting?

2E. What do you believe will be the result of these 21 days of prayer and fasting?