

# WHY PRAY?

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**Series:** Ready, Aim, Pray

**Message:** Why Pray?

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:9-13

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<sup>10</sup> 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Give us  
 this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven  
 our debtors. <sup>13</sup> 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'

**MATTHEW 6:9-13**

<sup>8</sup> "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

**MATTHEW 6:8**

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## 1. Prayer Builds Relationship.

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications.

**PSALMS 116:1**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

**PSALMS 145:18**

## 2. Prayer Begets Peace.

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
 thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which  
 surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7**

"Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
 O what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer."

**WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

### 3. Prayer Brings Results.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

**JAMES 5:16-18**

<sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

**LUKE 22:31-32**

<sup>2</sup> ... You do not have because you do not ask.

**JAMES 4:2C**

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

**EXODUS 32:14**

<sup>1</sup> It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

**LUKE 11:1**

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### 5 Targets of Prayer:

1. God's Honor
2. God's Kingdom
3. God's Provision
4. God's Forgiveness
5. God's Power