

WHY PRAY?

Series: **Ready, Aim, Pray**
 Message: **Why Pray?**
 Scripture: **Matthew 6:9-13**
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 this day our daily bread. ¹² 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven
 our debtors. ¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
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MATTHEW 6:9-13

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

MATTHEW 6:8

1. Prayer Builds Relationship.

¹ I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications.

PSALMS 116:1

¹⁸ 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.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
 thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ 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.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

JAMES 5:16-18

³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; ³² 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

² ... You do not have because you do not ask.

JAMES 4:2C

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

EXODUS 32:14

¹ 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