

**Series:** Ready, Aim, Pray  
**Message:** Why Pray?  
**Scripture:** Matthew 6:9-13  
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### **Matthew 6:8**

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

1. Prayer Builds Relationship.

### **Psalms 116:1**

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

### **Psalms 145:18**

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

2. Prayer Begets Peace.

### **Philippians 4:6-7**

*<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.*

### **What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

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

### **3. Prayer Brings Results.**

#### **James 5:16-18**

*<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.*

#### **Luke 22:31-32**

*<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."*

**James 4:2c**

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

**Exodus 32:14**

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

**Luke 11:1**

<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."

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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