

UNDERSTANDING PRAYERS

Key scripture: Luke 11:1

Prayer is something we learn to do. We're not born knowing how to pray, nor do we automatically receive some mystic power to utter prayers when we obey the gospel.

There are several Greek words translated "pray" and "prayer." Some of them are also translated "beseech," "beg," "ask," "implore," "request," "petition," and "supplication." Generally speaking, prayer is communicating with God, worshipfully praising Him as we express our thoughts, needs, desires, wishes, and thanks.

We engage in prayer more than any other worshipful act. We pray more than we go to church, study the Bible, or do personal work. Paul says, "Pray without ceasing" ([1 Th. 5:17](#)).

Since prayer is a deeply spiritual way in which we worship God, it's well worth our time to learn to pray, so we can do our best when we worship.

Discussion Points

1. Does God answer all prayers? **James 5:16. Psalm 66:18**
2. How did Jesus teach his disciples to pray? **Luke 11:2-4**
3. Can we learn to pray by imitating others? **1 Pet 2:21, 1 Cor 4:16, Heb 13:7**
4. How do we pray? **1 Cor 14:15**
5. What is your main lesson learnt from this study.