

PRAY

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Keep on praying.

Pray Wanting A Closer Relationship With God
Pray With Confidence

Pray Willing To Confess All Sin

Psalm 66:16 Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me.

17 For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke.

18 If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.

19 But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer.

Willing To Forsake Known Sin

Proverbs 28:13 People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.

1 Peter 3:11 Turn away from evil and do good. Work hard at living in peace with others.

12 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

Willing To Forgive Others

Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mark 11:25 But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

Pray Without A Conflict Of Motives

Psalm 17:1 O LORD, hear my plea for justice. Listen to my cry for help. Pay attention to my prayer, for it comes from an honest heart.

Psalm 119:143 As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in your commands.

144 Your decrees are always fair; help me to understand them, that I may live.

145 I pray with all my heart; answer me, LORD! I will obey your principles.

146 I cry out to you; save me, that I may obey your decrees.

James 4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it the whole army of evil desires at war within you?

2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it, so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it.

3 And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong - you want only what will give you pleasure.

I Want Honor God

Psalm 63:4 I will honor you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

5 You satisfy me more than the richest of foods. I will praise you with songs of joy.

6 I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.

7 I think how much you have helped me; I sing for joy in the shadow of your protecting wings.

8 I follow close behind you; your strong right hand holds me securely.

John 12:27 Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from what lies ahead'? But that is the very reason why I came!

28 Father, bring glory to your name." Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought it glory, and I will do it again."

I Don't Want To Be Hypocritical

1 Timothy 2:8 So wherever you assemble, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy.

I Want God To Hear My Secrets

Matthew 6:5 "And now about prayer. When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I assure you, that is all the reward they will ever get.

6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father secretly. Then your Father, who knows all secrets, will reward you.