

HOW TO PRAY — START

1 THESS 5:17

THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURE —
PEOPLE PRAYED TO GOD —

THE NEW TESTAMENT — BRINGS
FORTH — "EVEN MORE EMPHASIS"
— ON PRAYER — — OUR —

(LORD AND SAVIOUR
PRAYED) — AND SPENT TIME —
TEACHING

ABOUT PRAYER — (MATT 6:5-13)

(VS 5) "WHEN YOU PRAY" — DON'T PRAY
LIKE THE HYPOCRITES —

(VS 6) "WHEN YOU PRAY" — GO INTO YOUR
MOST PRIVATE ROOM —

(VS 7) "WHEN YOU PRAY" — DON'T USE
"VAIN" REPETITIONS — AS THE
PAGANS DO — THEY KEEP REPEATING
WORDS — WHICH THEY THINK —
"MAKES THEM HEARD" —

MATT
LUKE 11
(VS 9-13) THEREFORE, PRAY LIKE THIS — —
— (JESUS' MODEL PRAYER)

IN
(1 THESS 5:17) PAUL INSTRUCTS :
"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" - - - -

BE UNCEASING IN PRAYER -- OR
PRAY -- PRAYING "PERSEVERING"

-- IN OTHER WORDS --
GOD URGES US TO -- PRAY WITHOUT
"CEASING" -- (TALK TO ME) --

(I AM SO GLAD TO SEE YOU) -- (STAY
AS LONG AS YOU LIKE) -- (TELL
ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS)

(TELL ME ABOUT WHERE YOU WORK) --
(TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CHURCH) -- TELL
ME -- YOUR "TROUBLES" -- YOUR "JOYS"
-- YOUR "SORROWS" -- YOUR "HOPES"
YOUR -- "FEARS" --
YOUR
SINS; SHORTCOMINGS; GOALS;
-- AMBITIONS --
"TELL ME"

(WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU)
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YOU SEE

PRAY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE
SERMONIC -- OR -- STRUCTURED --
-- JUST --

-- COMMUNICATION WITH GOD --

-- IN THE CHURCH --

PRAY IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

"IT IS A PART"

OF THE ARMOR FOR THE CHURCH

(EPH 6:18) PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL
PRAYER AND SUPPLICATIONS -- --
-- IN THE SPIRIT --

THUS

PRAYER NEEDS TO BE IN COOPERATION
WITH -- (AND) LEAD BY -- THE

-- HOLY SPIRIT -- -- (TO)

-- DEFEAT THE DEVIL -- -- CAUSES HIM
TO FEAR + FLEE -- -- (SATAN) --

DOES NOT FEAR ELOQUENT PRAY
-- HE FEARS -- (SINCERE --
PERSEVERANCE) --

IN PRAYER

HERE

(I TIM 2:1-8) INSTRUCTION FOR PRAYER

(VSL) FIRST OF ALL I ASK YOU TO PRAY
FOR EVERYONE, AS GOD TO HELP AND
BLESS THEM ALL, AND TELL GOD HOW
THANKFUL YOU ARE FOR EACH OF THEM.

(KJV) EXHORT, FOR SUPPLICATIONS,
PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, GIVING
OF THANKS -- FOR ALL

[I] PRAY MUST HAVE PRIORITY ---

① "FIRST OF ALL" ---

② "INDICATES" PRAYER IS THE MOST ---
"IMPORTANT" IN "PUBLIC WORSHIP"
OF THE CHURCH ---

"MANY TIMES"

MORE TIME IS SPENT ON ---
"OTHER THINGS" ---

THAN IN CORPORATE PRAY ---

"WE" NEED TO MAKE PRAY ---
IMPORTANT

~ IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ---
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— PRAYER WAS AS MUCH A PART OF
THE EARLY CHURCH MINISTRY — AS
PREACHING THE WORD —

(ACT 6:4)

WE GIVE OURSELVES —
CONTINUALLY TO — PRAYER — AND TO
THE — MINISTRY OF THE WORD —

— CHURCH PRAYER SHOULD BE A —
PRIORITY — — —

MEMBERS NEED TO BE
PREPARED TO PRAY: — HEARTS AND
HOPES — CENTERED ON GOD — AND
ONE ANOTHER —

— "NOT" PRAYING TO PLEASE PEOPLE — OR
"TO FULFILL" A RELIGIOUS DUTY —

IMPORTANT

WHEN

— A LOCAL CHURCH — CEASES TO DEPEND
ON PRAYER — GOD CEASES TO BLESS —
— ITS MINISTRY —

(B) DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRAYER — (1)

— THERE ARE "7" GREEK WORDS FOR
PRAYER — —

(4) ARE MENTION HERE
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① SUPPLICATIONS — ①

THE MEANING:

TO OFFER A REQUEST — FOR A —
SPECIAL — "DEEP FELT" — NEED —

WITH

— (A "HUMBLE AND EARNEST PLEA") —

② PRAYERS — ①

A COMMON TERM — TO —
EMPHASIS — THE —
"SACREDNESS"

OF PRAYING — (PRAY TO GOD) Jehovah
FOR

— MERCY — GRACE — EXPRESS WANTS —
— NEEDS — — "WITH"

— (AN ACT OF WORSHIP) —

③ INTERCESSIONS — ① (PETITIONS)

TO DRAW "NEAR TO GOD" — AND — "CONVERSE"
WITH HIM — "CONFIDENTLY" — IN
— "JOYFUL FELLOWSHIP" —

— [GOD I LOVE, GOD I LONG "FOR YOU"
— YOU MEET ALL MY NEEDS —]

④ GIVING OF THANKS - ①

— AN IMPORTANT PART OF WORSHIP —
AND — PRAYER —
— GIVING THANKS —

— FOR WHO GOD IS TO US — — +
— WHAT HIS GRACE DOES FOR US —
— THANKSGIVING —

— SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF
PRAYER — BEGINNING, MIDDLE, END

II] PRAY MUST HAVE OBJECTIVES - ②

① ALL MEN —

THIS MEANS :

— WE SHOULD PRAY FOR THE LOST —

— ALSO THE SAVED —

FOR

— THOSE PEOPLE NEAR US — KNOWN

BY US — + — THOSE FAR AWAY —

— FOR NEEDS + WELL BEING —

② THOSE IN AUTHORITY —

EVEN WHEN WE CANNOT RESPECT
MEN + WOMEN — "IN AUTHORITY" —

— WE SHOULD PRAY FOR THEM —

PAUL SAYS: ②
IT IS FOR OUR OWN GOOD — — —
— — — SO WE CAN LIVE =

[PEACEFUL + QUIET LIVES —
— LIVE IN ALL GOODLINESS AND HOLINESS]

PEACEFUL = (A "CALM ATTITUDE", WITHIN US)

QUIET = (ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES
AROUND US)

— SO WE CAN —

~ LIVE GODLY AND HONORABLE —

III] THE REASON PRAYER IS ~
IMPORTANT — (3-17)

(A) IT PLEASES GOD — (3)
"FOR"

[PRAYER SHOULD LEAVE US WITH A
"KNOWLEDGE" — OF GOD'S WILL —]

THE

[PURPOSE OF PRAYER IS NOT — —
— TO GET MY — OR — MAN'S WILL
DONE — — BUT

TO GET GOD'S WILL DONE -- ON EARTH
IT'S Q WHAT IS GOD'S WILL - (4)

FOR ONE THING --- THE ---
"SALVATION OF LOST SOULS" ---

--- HE WOULD HAVE ALL MEN TO BE
SAVED ---

(JOHN 3:16) (HE DIED FOR THE WHOLE WORLD)

(JOHN 12:32) "JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS ---
THAT HE MIGHT DRAW "ALL MEN" --- TO
SALVATION" ---

"BUT"

(THEY MUST HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE)

SO

[THE CHURCH MUST PRAY + PREACH]
THE GOSPEL --- (THE KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH)

"WE"

[HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY --- TO PRAY
FOR THE LOST --- + --- TO PRAY FOR
"OPPORTUNITIES" --- TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

--- WE KNOW ---

[PRAYER IS AN IMPORTANT PART ---
OF GOD'S PLAN --- (FOR REACHING)

--- A LOST WORLD ---

③ JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE —
WHO CAN SAVE THE LOST —

① HE IS GOD — THE ONLY GOD —
THE — ONE GOD —

— FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT —

② JESUS, GOD THE MEDIATOR —
(THE GOD-MAN)

[STANDING BETWEEN — THE
FALL MANKIND — AND — THE THRONE
OF A HOLY GOD —
AND

— OTHER PERSON CAN QUALIFY —

[HIS PERFECT LIFE — — AND —
SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH — MET —
THE JUST DEMANDS OF GOD'S HOLY
LAW —]

③ HE RANSOM FOR ALL — ⑥

(HIS DEATH IS SUFFICIENT) —

“FOR ALL” THE SINS OF THE WHOLE
WORLD

(MAT 20:28)^a THE SON OF MAN DID NOT
COME TO BE A SLAVE MASTER, BUT
A SLAVE WHO WOULD GIVE HIS LIFE
-- TO RESCUE -- MANY PEOPLE --

IF

PRAYER -- HAS ITS BASE ON THE
SACRIFICIAL WORK OF JESUS CHRIST
ON THE CROSS -- "THEN" --

"PRAYER"

IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY --
OF THE CHURCH -- ON EARTH --

IV] THE POSTURE OF PRAYER - (8)

(VS 8) "I WANT EVERYONE" -- TO LIFT
UP -- "INNOCENT HANDS" -- TOWARD
HEAVEN -- AND PRAY, WITHOUT
BEING ANGRY -- OR ARGUEING --
WITH EACH OTHER "

-- HOLY HANDS -- WITHOUT ^{WRATH} ~~DOUBT~~, --
AND -- DOUBTING --

[THESE THINGS MAKE OUR ~~OUR~~
PRAY SUCCESSFUL -- --]

(A) HOLY HANDS - (A HOLY LIFE)

"CLEAN HANDS" - SYMBOLIC OF A
--- (BLAMELESS LIFE) ---

[HANDS COMMITTED TO NO IMPURITY,
NO PIETY --- + PROFORM EVERY
--- SACRED DUTY ---]

OR

--- AT LEAST A CONSECRATED DESIRE
TO BE SO ---

(B) WITHOUT WRATH -

[A SPIRIT OF ANGER, DISPUTING]

--- A LOVING, FORGIVING SPIRIT ---

① A PERSON WHO IS CONSTANTLY
HAVING TROUBLE --- WITH OTHER
BELIEVERS ---

② WHO IS A TROUBLE MAKER ---

RATHER THAN --- A PEACEMAKER ---

"CANNOT PRAY"

AND GET ANSWERS FROM GOD

③ DOUBTING - [HAVE FAITH]

WE MUST --- (IT IS ESSENTIAL) ---

STOP --- PRAY WITH FAITH ---