

PRAYER

Sunday, 20th July 2014

What is prayer?

1. A privilege.
2. A private affair.
3. A personal experience.
4. A productive experience.

How to pray

1. Pray sincerely.
2. Pray secretly.
3. Pray simply.

Importance of prayer

1. Jesus assumed his disciples would pray.
2. Jesus commanded us to pray.
3. Have I recognised the real value of prayer?
4. Communication with God.

The rewards of prayer

1. A consciousness of God's presence.
2. Awareness of sin in one's life.
3. Inflow of spiritual power.
4. Peace that passes human understanding.



I thank you God, for being home and listening to my call, for giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall! Your number, God, is the only one that answers every time. I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a dime. So thank you, God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow. Good night, God, I love you too, and I'll call again tomorrow!

p.s. Please bless all my friends and family.

GOD'S "PHONE" NUMBER

Misconceptions about prayer

1. It is not a blank cheque on which God's signature appears guaranteeing us anything on which we set our hearts.
2. Have I misunderstood the nature of prayer?
3. It is not a mechanical, magical means whereby we secure the favour of God.

Developing a victorious prayer life

1. We can study the prayer life of our Lord.
2. We can study our Lord's instructions concerning prayer.
3. We can study the prayers that were not answered affirmatively.
4. We can study the prayers that were answered affirmatively.
5. We can examine the prayer habits of the early Christians.
6. We can learn from the prayer life of outstanding Christians in the past and present.

Conclusions

1. Listen to the Scriptures.
2. Pray regularly.
3. Structure your prayer – ACTS:-
 - A – Adoration
 - C – Confession
 - T – Thanksgiving
 - S – Supplication



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Hello God,
I called tonight to talk a little while, I need a friend who'll listen to
my anxiety and trial. You see, I can't make it through
a day just on my own... I need your love to guide me,
so I'll never feel alone. I want to ask you please to
keep my family & friends safe and sound. Come and
fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate
they're bound. Give me faith, dear God, to face each
hour throughout the day, and not to worry over things I can't
change in any way.
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