

Meet with God through Prayer

1. Prayer is the _____ traffic with _____;

God comes _____ to us by His _____, and we go up to Him by _____.

1 Kings 8:27-30 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

²⁸Yet you regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today:

²⁹that Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

³⁰And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear in heaven Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Spurgeon

To pray is to mount on eagle’s wings above the clouds and get into the clear heaven where God dwelled. To pray is to enter the treasure house of God and to enrich oneself out of an inexhaustible storehouse. To pray is to grasp heaven in one’s arm, to embrace the Deity within one’s soul, and to feel one’s body made a temple of the Holy Ghost.

2. Prayer makes you into one who _____ as you fall in

_____ with _____ through _____.

Psalms 63:1 O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalms 42:1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God.

Psalm 16:5 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot.

Charles Spurgeon

It is not the act of prayer that satisfies the godly; the godly crave an audience with heaven, an answer from the throne, and nothing less makes them content.

A.W. Tozer

I want you to know where I stand, and I want to say it plainly. I want the presence of God himself, or I don't want anything at all to do with religion. You would never get me interested in the old maids' social club with a little bit of Christianity thrown in to give it respectability. I want all that God has, or I don't want any. I want Himself - or else I will go out and be something other than a Christian.

3. Prayer gives you _____, strength and _____ as you have _____ with God.

a. God doesn't necessarily want to get you on the right _____; He wants to _____ you through the _____.

Psalm 23:1-6 (NIV) The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

4. Prayer gives you _____ as it unlocks the mystery of God's _____.

Romans 8:26-27 (NASB) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;
²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you,
² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *and* apply your heart to understanding;
³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *and* lift up your voice for understanding,
⁴ If you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures;
⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

5. Prayer teaches you _____.

Luke 11:9-10 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Arthur W. Pink

Prayer is not so much an act as it is an attitude—an attitude of dependency, dependency upon God.

John Trapp

God never denied a soul anything that went as far as heaven to ask it. -

6. Prayer teaches you how to _____ and _____ you on the battlefield:

a. In prayer we bring our spiritual _____ into the _____ of God and fight them there.

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

Psalms 91:13 . . . you should have power to tread on serpents.

Thomas Watson

The angel fetched Peter out of prison but prayer fetched the angel.

Thomas Lye

I had rather stand against the cannons of the wicked than against the prayers of the righteous.

7. Prayer _____ you the _____ you should go.

Psalm 32:7-9 (NASB) You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, *Otherwise* they will not come near to you.

Fredrick Robertson

Pray until prayer makes you forget your own wish, and leave it or merge it in God's will. The divine wisdom has given us prayer, not as a means whereby we escape evil, but as a means whereby we become strong to meet it.

8. Prayer _____ God's ear; it _____ His heart; it opens His hand.

Psalms 116:2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live.

Psalm 4:1 (NIV) Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Psalm 18:35 (NIV) give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me;

Psalm 86:17 (NIV) Give me a sign of your goodness,

Psalm 119:144 (NIV) .. give me understanding that I may live.

Psalm 119:34 (NASB) Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law And keep it with all *my* heart.

Psalm 119:73 (NASB) Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

Proverbs 23:26 (NIV) ...give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways,

Proverbs 30:8 (NIV) give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

Psalm 119:40 God revive me through Your righteousness.

Psalm 119:88

God, revive me according to Your loving kindness, so that I may keep the testament of Your mouth.

Psalm 119:107 Revive me, O Lord, according to Your Word.

Psalm 119:26b-27a God, please teach me Your statutes; make me understand the way of Your precepts.

Psalm 119:33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes.

Psalm 119:66 God, teach me good discernment and knowledge.