

## CLASS 6 || PRAYER

### I. What is Prayer?

Prayer is essential for every believer as it serves as a vital connection between us and God. Through prayer, we receive strength, guidance, encouragement, and personal growth as we maintain our communication with our Heavenly Father. It is a precious privilege and a powerful tool that God has graciously given us for our own well-being. Therefore, it is crucial to make prayer a consistent practice in our daily lives and nurture our relationship with God to fully experience its incredible benefits.

1. Prayer in its simplest form is heartfelt \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**Matthew 21:22.** And all things, whatever you shall \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

2. Just as in any communication, prayer also involves a two-way connection. In prayer, we talk to God and He \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

a. **Psalms 6:9.** The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.

b. **Psalms 66:19.** But God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

c. **Isaiah 58:9.** Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

d. **Psalms 65:2.** God answers prayer.

#### Answers

talks / communication / ask

3. Prayer is also an act of worship, supplication, thanksgiving, confession, and repentance. Prayer is an expression of our \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

4. The essential element that gives life to prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 11:6.** Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

## II. What Prayer Is Not

### 1. Prayer is not merely repeating words without thought to God.

**Matthew 6:7.** And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

### 2. Prayer is not in the number of words said to God.

**Mark 12:40.** They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.

### 3. Prayer is not limited to asking God for things. Here are seven different types of prayer.

a. Prayer of praise and worship—Hebrews 13:15 and Revelation 4:11

- **Hebrews 13:15.** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.
- **Revelation 4:11.** You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

## Answers

faith / dependency

- b. Prayer of Thanksgiving—**Psalms 100:4**. Enter his \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- c. Prayer of Faith—**James 5:13-16**. The prayer offered in \_\_\_\_\_ will make the sick person well.
- d. Prayer of Intercession—**Daniel 9:1-27**. Daniel prayed to God in a two-part prayer in which he confesses the sins of the nation of Israel: first, a confession in which Daniel acknowledges that the devastation is fitting punishment for infidelity (verses 3 to 15), and then a supplication petitioning God to bring the just punishment to an end (verses 16 to 19).
- e. Corporate Prayer—**Acts 12:5-18**. The church earnestly prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ while he was in prison.
- f. Prayer of Consecration—**Matthew 26:26-27**. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the bread and the wine before serving them as emblems of His body and His blood.
- g. Prayer of the Holy Spirit—**Romans 8:26-27**. We do not know what to pray for, but the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ for us through wordless groans. The Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

### Answers

blessed / faith / thanksgiving / intercedes / Peter / gates

#### 4. Prayer without faith is no prayer at all.

- a. **Mark 11:24.** Whatever you ask for in prayer, \_\_\_\_\_ that you have \_\_\_\_\_ it, and it will be yours.
- b. **Matthew 21:22.** Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 5. Prayer is not an activity limited to a segment of our lives or a scheduled event in our day.

- a. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ inclined to prayer.
- b. Have a heart posture that is \_\_\_\_\_ toward God always.
- c. Pray \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Make the discipline of prayer a high \_\_\_\_\_, just as Jesus did.
- e. Pray all \_\_\_\_\_ of prayers.

### III. How to Pray

- 1. Approach God \_\_\_\_\_ because you know He will hear and answer you, but \_\_\_\_\_ because you know prayer is an awesome privilege that has been given to you by the supreme God.
  - a. **Psalms 34:15.** The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.
  - b. **2 Chronicles 7:14.** We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and pray and \_\_\_\_\_ God's face.

#### Answers

heart / priority / believe / seek / boldly / often / humbly / turned /  
receive / humble / faith / sorts

2. Address God as your Father. \_\_\_\_\_ His name. \_\_\_\_\_ for His Kingdom to come and His \_\_\_\_\_ be done in your life and in anything with which you are associated as it is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:9-10.** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

3. Repent. Ask for \_\_\_\_\_ of known and unknown sin, and for sin of omission and sin of commission.

**Matthew 9:12.** And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

4. Come before the Lord to ease our burdens.

a. **Psalms 61:1-2.** Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

b. **Matthew 11:28.** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

5. Speak to God in \_\_\_\_\_ knowing that He exists and that He's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 11:6.** Without faith it is impossible to please God.

6. Pray in accordance (in agreement) with God's Word. Give God \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the prayer.

**Matthew 18:19.** If two people agree concerning anything that they ask for, it shall be done for them by God the Father which is in heaven.

7. After speaking, be silent and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord for direction and instructions.

#### **Answers**

thanks / listen / Ask / will / forgiveness / listening / Honor / faith

8. Pray continually.

- a. **Psalm 86:3.** For unto You I cry all day long.
- b. **1 Thessalonians. 5:17.** “pray without ceasing.” This does not mean that we should pray non-stop, which would be impossible. The idea is, keep coming back to prayer repeatedly, all throughout the day.

9. Pray thankfully.

- a. **Psalm 86:12.** I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.
- b. Right after telling us to pray without ceasing, the Apostle Paul says in **1 Thessalonians. 5:18**, “in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

10. Pray in humility. David’s prayer is permeated with humility.

- a. He prays, for God to be gracious to him, **Psalm 86:3, 16**—have mercy on me, Lord; Turn to me and have mercy on me.
- b. He refers to himself as God’s servant, the son of His handmaid, **Psalm 86:2, 4**—Save your servant who trusts in you. Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

#### IV. Prayer in the Holy Ghost

1. To empower us to live as a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Acts 1:8.** We receive power to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ after receiving the Holy Spirit.

2. To lead and guide us into all truth.

**John 16:13.** The Holy Spirit will guide you into all the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Answers

Truth / witness

3. Places our old sinful nature in check and \_\_\_\_\_ us of sin.
- a. **John 16:8.** The Holy Spirit will convict the world about the guilt of sin and the need for a Savior, and about righteousness, and about judgment.
  - b. **Romans 8:13.** If we live according to the impulses of the flesh, we are going to die. But if we live by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are habitually putting to death the sinful deeds of the body and will live forever.
4. Speaking in \_\_\_\_\_ (our prayer language) builds us up \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. **1 Corinthians 14:4.** One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.
  - b. **Jude 1:20.** We build up ourselves in the most holy faith by praying in the Holy Ghost.
5. Praying in the Holy Ghost is praying the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Romans 8:26-27.** The Holy Spirit helps our weakness because we don't know what to pray as we should. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us.
6. When we pray in the Holy Ghost, our spirit \_\_\_\_\_ directly with God's Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 14:2.** Anyone who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to people but to God.

#### **Answers**

spiritually / will / tongues / communicates / convicts

## V. Examples of Prayer

From each scripture, write down at least one observation that stands out to you.

1. Abraham pleads for Sodom (Genesis 18:17-33)
2. David's prayer (2 Samuel 7:18-33)
3. Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-29)
4. The Jerusalem church (Acts 4:24)
5. Paul and the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:36)

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