

BEYOND SUNDAY

CALLED TO PRAY

OCTOBER 20, 2019

RECAP

Prayer is talking to God the Father. He desires to be in conversation with us. Like all good parents (God is the greatest and perfect parent), He knows what we need and when we need it. But He wants us to reach out to Him, to love Him, trust Him, depend upon Him. In prayer, we petition the Father for His glory, His reign and His will. We also bring to Him our needs, our debts (and other's debts against us) and our future walk with Him.

We don't pray like hypocrites or pagans. Hypocrites pray not for God's glory, but for their own. Pagans think they can manipulate the Father through their many words, their sustained prayers, their rote recitation. In Prayer, we connect with the Father, by addressing Him, on account of the Son, who stands before the Father, pleading our case, having given us access through his sacrifice, through the Holy Spirit, who communicates with words when we can't speak. Prayer is like giving and receiving a hug from God.

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READINGS

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." *Acts 2:42 NIV*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 John 5:14-15	James 5:16	Ephesians 6:18	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 18:9-14	Matthew 5-7	Ephesians 1:1-14

Questions to think about as you read:

1. How can we be sure that we're asking for the right things?
2. What is the connection between confessing (implied with that would be seeking forgiveness) and healing? Is any of us truly righteous? Who is? What does that tell us about prayer?
3. How does this passage reinforce Jesus' teaching on prayer?
4. Is it wrong to be anxious? Or, is this passage teaching us what to do when we feel anxious? What are some ways you can incorporate prayer into your day, what does God promise to give you?
5. Pastor Paul mentioned this parable in his sermon? What does it teach you about people's hearts? What does it teach you about your own?
6. Read Jesus sermon on the mount, if possible, do so in one sitting. Pay attention to Jesus' consistent message throughout, summarise it in a few sentences.
7. Read the passage in preparation for worship on Sunday. Try writing out the passage by hand to help you concentrate on the words, then spend some time in prayer to set your mind and heart on what God is teaching you.