



The
Greatest
Tool We
Have
Prayer

The phrase “how to pray” receives 131,742 hits monthly on YouTube.

The phrase “how to pray” receives 14,800 monthly hits on Google.

More than half of Americans say they pray every day.

In 2017 nearly three-quarters of Americans prayed to God at least once a week.

In the Greek the definition
of the word prayer means:
to beg, to petition, to make a
request, to beseech to
desire.

- So many people say they don't know how to pray and others are concerned that they are doing it right.
- Prayer in laymen terms is just a conversation with God and sharing with Him the concerns on your heart.
- There is not a right way nor is there a wrong way, God will meet you right where you are.

Matthew 6:5-15 (NASB)

⁵ "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. ⁶ "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:5-15 (NASB)

⁷ "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

⁹ "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Matthew 6:5-15 (NASB)

¹⁰ 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ 'Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']

Matthew 6:5-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

God knew that people were confused in prayer.

Luke 18:9-14 (NASB)

⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.'

Luke 18:9-14 (NASB)

¹² 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'

¹³ "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'" ¹⁴ "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 17:12-14 (NASB)

¹² As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; ¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When He saw them, *He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."* And as they were going, they were cleansed.

Luke 7:7 (NASB)

⁷ for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, *but just say the word*, and my servant will be healed.

John 11:41-43 (NASB)

⁴¹ So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

⁴² "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "*Lazarus, come forth.*"

Matthew 9:21-22 (NASB)

²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well." ²² But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "*Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.*"
At once the woman was made well.

John 8:10-11 (NASB)

¹⁰ Straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?"

¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more."]

Luke 11:9-10 (NASB)

⁹ "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. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

1 John 5:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Seven things happen when we pray:

- First God answers our prayers (Matt. 18:19)
- Two God heals us (James 5:13-14)
- Three God opens doors (Col. 4:3)
- Fourth God grows us (Phil. 1: 9-11)
- Fifth God lifts our burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- Sixth God humbles us (Rom. 15:30)
- Seventh God assist us in over coming sin (1 John 5:16-17)

1 John 4:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us *[imparted in us the Holy Spirit]* of His Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *to be* the Savior of the world.

Luke 12:12 (NASB)

¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

Matthew 10:20 (NASB)

²⁰ "For it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

Hebrews 11:1 (NASB)

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Prayer is not about the length of the words you speak, it is about the faith in the Words you speak. If you speak your words the prayer is useless but if you speak God's Word and you impart God's Word into the one you are speaking to, the Holy Spirit will give you the Words to say, because the battle belongs to God not us!

