

Private Prayer

What is Prayer?

- A communication process that allows us to talk to God.
- Prayer consists of our words and our thoughts.
 - Romans 8:26
- Prayer consists of God hearing our voice.
 - Psalm 34:15
 - 1 John 5:14 , 15

Prayer is Powerful

- James 5:16-18
- The power of prayer lies not in the one praying but in the One being prayed to.
 - Ephesians 3:20
- Acts 12:1-5, 12, 17
- Ephesians 6:18

Strong Christians Pray

- Nehemiah prayed.
 - Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:2-4
- Tax collector prayed.
 - Luke 18:9-14
- Apostles prayed.
 - Acts 6:1-4; 16:16, 25
- Jesus prayed.
 - Luke 6:12, 13

Pray Often

- Why would we neglect such a useful tool?
 - 1 Thess. 5:17
 - Romans 12:12
 - Daniel made it his custom “since early days” to pray frequently (Daniel 6:10, 11).

Pray for...

- Earthly matters.
 - Daily bread. Matthew 6:11
 - Sick. Acts 28:8
 - Government. 1 Timothy 2:1, 2
- Spiritual matters.
 - Other Christians. Ephesians 1:15-17
 - Doors for the word. Colossians 4:3, 4
 - Return of Christ. 1 Corinthians 16:22

Invitation

- Who can pray?
 - While prayer is a good thing, not all prayers are accepted by God.
 - Isaiah 59:1, 2
- If you feel distant from God and know your prayers are not reaching His ears, won't you change that today?