



PRAYER

Don't make prayer complicated. **Don't** make prayer about what's best for you.

Don't make prayer a last resort. If you make prayer complicated, make it all about what God can do for you, or pray as a last resort, you're doing it wrong.

We pray to **honor** God.

We pray for **communication** with God.

We pray for **communion** with God.



WHY WE PRAY

**Father in heaven, Your name be
honored as holy. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also
have forgiven our debtors.**

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13 HCSB

**And do not bring us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one. For
Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

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Your will be done on earth as it
is in heaven.*

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

**This is the confidence we have in
approaching God: that if we ask
anything according to His will, He will
do it.**

1 John 5:14 NIV

**PRAYING FOR GOD'S
WILL IS AN INVITATION
INTO A NEW WAY OF
UNDERSTANDING LIFE.**

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Prayer is such a radical act because it requires us to criticize our whole way of being in the world, to lay down our old selves and accept our new self, which is Christ... Prayer is therefore the act of dying to all we consider to be our own and of being born to a new existence which is not of this world.

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PRAYING FOR GOD'S WILL
MOVES OUR PRAYER LIFE
FROM "WHAT CAN GOD
DO FOR ME?" TO "WHAT
DOES GOD EXPECT OF
ME?"

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View prayer as a road you

TRAVEL



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Prayer means letting God's creative love touch the most hidden places of our being and prayer means listening with attentive undivided hearts to the inner movement of the Spirit of Jesus. Even when that Spirit leads us to places we would rather not go.

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*What does God **expect** of me?*



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Listen and follow directions.



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