

What Do I Want From My Prayer Life?

From the very beginning strive to be specific as to what you desire from God. Remember, He cares for you and desires that you have all things. We are not talking of physical things, though He does provide all things for us. We are speaking of those things He desires you to have that make your life complete.

List some expectations you have in this study of prayer.

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Jesus said:

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. -Matthew 7:7-8

The Scriptures are filled with passages that tell of seeking God.

- *"I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me. -Proverbs 8:17*
- *"As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. -1 Chronicles 28:9*
- *"But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. -Deuteronomy 4:29*
- *that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; -Acts 17:27*
- *'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 'And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. -Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Consider These Passages When You Pray

"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. "Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will he give him a stone? "Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! - Matthew 7:7-11

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you shall not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it shall happen. "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." -Matthew 21:21-22

"And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. -John 14:13-15

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. -John 15:7-8

"And in that day you will ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name. "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. -John 16:23-24

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. -James 1:5-8

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the sky poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit. -James 5:16-18

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. -1 John 3:21-22

O LORD, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble; Thou wilt strengthen their heart, Thou wilt incline Thine ear -Psalms 10:17

I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. -Psalms 34:4

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. -Psalms 34:15-17

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them. -Psalms 145:18-19

The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous. -Proverbs 15:29