

Pray Like Jesus

Building Blocks - Part 2

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⁹You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who **ask Him.**” Matthew 7:9-11 (NLT)

**Your Heavenly Father wants you to ask.
He wants to walk through life with you.
He wants to provide for you.**

Prayer is an invitation into **relationship with God.**

You cannot have a deep, strong faith without prayer.

Why don't we pray?

- **We don't think prayer works.**
- **We don't know how to pray.**

“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:16 (NLT)

“Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As He finished, one of His disciples came to Him and said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray’ ... ” Luke 11:1 (NLT)

*“⁷When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. ⁸Don't be like them, for **your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!** ⁹Pray like this: ... ”* Matthew 6:7-13 (NLT)

How to Pray:

- **Connect with God relationally**

“Our Father in heaven”

- **Worship His name**

“May your name be kept holy.”

- **Pray His agenda first**

“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

- **Depend on Him for everything**

“Give us today the food we need”

- **Forgive and be forgiven**

“And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”

- **Engage in spiritual warfare**

“And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”

- **Express faith in God’s ability**

“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

“⁷Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

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