

# 1. Pray: For What? How? Why?

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## “...because you do not ask.”

• James 4:1-4

## “...what is man that you are mindful of him”

• Psalms 144:3-4

• Hebrews 2:5-8

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• 1 Thessalonians 5:15-20

**15** See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

**16** Rejoice always;

**17** pray without ceasing;

**18** in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**19** Do not quench the Spirit;

## Pray for those who persecute or mistreat you

• Matthew 5:44

**44** "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

• Luke 6:28

**28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

## Pray for us; Pray for one another

• 1 Thessalonians 5:25

**25** Brethren, pray for us.

• 2 Thessalonians 1:11

**11** To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power,

• 2 Thessalonians 3:1

**1** Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;

• Hebrews 13:18

**18** Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

• James 5:16

16 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.

“He intercedes for the saints”

• Romans 8:25-30

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

We have a Mediator, a High Priest

• Hebrews 2:17

17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

• Hebrews 3:1

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;

• Hebrews 4:14, 15

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but

One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

“If the Lord wills, we will live and...”

• James 4:15

15 Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

“Thy will be done...”

• Luke 11:2

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

“...because you do not ask.”

• James 4:1-4

1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

“...what is man that you are mindful of him”

• Psalms 144:3-4

3 O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that You think of him?

4 Man is like a mere breath;  
His days are like a passing shadow.

• **Hebrews 2:5-8**

5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;

YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,

AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET "

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.