

HOW TO PRAY

1. Raising Your Hopes with Prayer

"I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

--Jeremiah 29:11-12 (New Contemporary Version)

PRAYER LEAVES US EMPTY WHEN WE SEE IT AS:

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4 FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

1. _____

*"Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you,"
--Isaiah 43:4 (NRSV)*

*"We can be confident in approaching God,
knowing that God listens to us"
--1 John 5:14 (NIV)*

2. _____

*"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they've received their reward in full. Instead, when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep babbling on and on like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."
--Matthew 6:5-8 (NIV)*

*"Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith..."
--Hebrews 10:22 (Today's English Version)*

3. _____

*"Call to me and I will answer you. I will show you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own."
--Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)*

*"If you, being imperfect and sinful parents 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 7:11 (New Living Translation)*

*"You do not have, because you do not ask God."
--James 4:2 (NIV)*

4. _____

*"The Lord waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion."
--Isaiah 30:18 (New Living Translation)*

*"I don't want your sacrifices – I want your love! I don't want your offerings, I want you to know me!"
--Hosea 6:6 (Living Bible)*

*"Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them He shares the secrets of his covenant."
--Psalm 25:14 (New Living Translation)*

*"Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you."
--James 4:8 (New Living Translation)*