



## JUNIOR HIGH BIBLE MEMORY: PRAYER

2025

### I. PRAYER IS VERBAL EXPRESSION OF OUR FEELINGS AND NEEDS TO GOD.

#### A. We pray directly to God. Psalm 5:2

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

#### B. We are to pray from the heart, expressing our feelings and thoughts. Psalm 62:8

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

#### C. We are to pray concerning everything. Philippians 4:6

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

### II. THE BIBLE CLEARLY STATES WHO MAY PRAY.

#### A. Only believers may pray with the assurance that they are heard by God. John 9:31

Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

#### B. The prayer for salvation from anyone will be heard by God. Romans 10:9, 10, 13.

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

#### C. All believers share the privilege of prayer. Matthew 6:6; I Timothy 2:8

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

#### D. The Bible teaches that Christ continues to intercede for believers. Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

#### E. The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit also intercedes for us. Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

### III. IT IS WRONG FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO FAIL TO PRAY.

#### A. Prayer is commanded. I Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

#### B. Prayer is pleasing to God. Psalm 141:2

Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

#### C. We will not have if we do not ask. James 4:2

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

### IV. THE BIBLE TEACHES US WHEN TO PRAY.

#### A. The believer's heart is to remain in an attitude of continuing prayer and gratitude to God. Romans 12:12; Ephesians 5:20.

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

#### B. We are to pray in thankfulness before eating, as exemplified by Christ. Mark 8:6; I Timothy 4:4-5

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before *them*; and they did set *them* before the people.

4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

#### C. We are to pray in times of trouble. Psalm 86:6-7

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.



**D. We are to pray in times of need. Hebrews 4:16**

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**E. We are to pray in times of affliction. James 5:13**

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

**F. We are to pray when fearful. Psalm 55:5, 16**

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.  
16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

**G. We are to pray for restored fellowship after confession of sin. Psalm 51:10, 12**

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.  
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

**V. ANSWERS TO PRAYER MAY TAKE DIFFERENT FORMS.**

**A. God has promised to answer requests made in His will. I John 5:14-15**

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:  
15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

**B. God may answer prayer above our expectations. Ephesians 3:20**

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

**C. God may answer prayer directly and immediately. Matthew 7:7-11**

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:  
8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.  
9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?  
10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?  
11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

**D. God may delay an answer to prayer. Luke 18:7**

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

**E. God may answer a prayer differently from our request. II Corinthians 12:7-9**

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.  
8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.  
9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**VI. THERE ARE HINDRANCES TO ANSWERS TO PRAYER WHICH THE BELIEVER MUST AVOID.**

**A. God will not answer if there is unconfessed sin in the heart. Psalm 66:18**

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

**B. God will not answer prayer if the motive is wrong or selfish. James 4:3**

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

**C. God will not answer prayer if it is not made in faith. Matthew 21:22**

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

**D. God will not answer prayer from an unforgiving heart. Mark 11:25-26**

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.  
26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

**E. God will not answer prayer made without regard to His will. Matthew 6:10**

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

**F. God will not answer prayer from an unthankful heart. I Thessalonians 5:18**

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.



**G. God will not answer prayer from a disobedient heart. I John 3:20-22**

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

**H. God will not answer prayer from an ungiving heart. Luke 6:38**

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

**I. God will not answer prayer from a heart which is not abiding in Him. John 15:7**

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.