

Sermon Notes

Prayer

What is prayer?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in worship, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving. And prayer is waiting in patience, listening to his voice.

Psalm 62:8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him. God is a refuge for us.

With what attitude should we pray?

With love, perseverance, and gratefulness, in humble submission to God's will; and in confidence, knowing that the Father always hears our prayers.

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Luke 18:1 Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer that Jesus himself taught us.

1 John 5:14-15 If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him.

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, when we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, keep us from reciting empty words. Let these petitions be the cries of our hearts. Bring your kingdom on Earth to us and through us for your great name's sake. Amen.

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Psalm 32:6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near.

Ephesians 6:18 Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hope-work: read the above verses, and others you know that refer to prayer. Then do a self-evaluation, and write out a response to God, including growth goals for your personal prayer life in the coming year: