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## Top 10 Scriptures About Prayer

For many people, prayer is a mystery. Yet, there is nothing mysterious about it in the Bible: We are to pray according to the Father's will; have faith; and receive what we have requested. Does the Bible make it too simple, or do we make it too difficult? Perhaps this list of the Top 10 Scriptures About Prayer will help you understand what the Bible says about prayer.

10. Pray continually. *1 Thessalonians 5:17*
9. Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. *James 5:13-16*
8. Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. *Jeremiah 33:3*
7. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. *Matthew 18:18-20*
6. And 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. *Ephesians 6:18*

## Honorable Mentions

The Bible has far more to say about prayer than we could ever include in our list. Here are some of the great insights it would have taken a miracle to include:

- “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” *Mark 11:22-26*
- Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. *Matthew 26:41*
- Jesus told his disciples a story. He wanted to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said, “In a certain town there was a judge. He didn’t have any respect for God or care about people. A widow lived in that town. She came to the judge again and again. she kept begging him, “Make things right for me. Someone is doing me wrong.” For some time the judge refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t have any respect for God. I don’t care about people. But this widow keeps bothering me. So I will see that things made right for her. If I don’t, she will wear me out by coming again and again!’” The Lord said to what the unfair judge says. God’s chosen people cry out to him day and night. Won’t he make things right for them? Will he keep putting off? I tell you, God will see that things are made right for them. He will make sure it happens quickly. But when the Son of Man comes will he find people on earth who have faith?” Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them they should always pray and not give up. *Luke 18:1-8*

5. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. *John 15:7*
4. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. *Romans 8:26-27*
3. When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” *Matthew 17:14-21*

2. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that 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. *1 John 5:14-15*
1. Jesus said to them, “When you pray, this is what you should say. Father, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted.” Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose someone has a friend. He goes to him at midnight. He says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. <sup>6</sup>A friend of mine on a journey has come to stay with me. I have nothing for him to eat.’ Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked. My children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ‘I tell you, that person will not get up. And he won’t give the man bread just because he is his friend. But because the man keeps on asking, he will get up. He will give him as much as he needs. So here is what I say to you. Ask, and it will be given to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks will receive. He who searches will find. And the door will be opened to the one who knocks. Fathers, suppose your son asks for a fish. Which of you will give him a snake instead? Or suppose he asks for an egg. Which of you will give him a scorpion? Even though you are evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more will your Father who is in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” *Luke 11:2-13*

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