

REASONS TO PRAY

1. We are instructed to pray in scripture.
 - Matthew 5:44
 - Matthew 6:6
 - Romans 12:12
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - James 5:16
2. Jesus, who is our example as Christians, prayed.
 - Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28; 11:1
 - John 17
3. We can communicate with God through prayer—confessing our sins, repenting, submitting requests, seeking God’s help, and entering into worship and praise.
 - Philippians 4:6
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
4. We partner and participate in the work of God, bringing others to faith in Christ, healing nations, and gaining strength to endure trials.
 - 2 Chronicles 7:14
 - Matthew 9:37-38
 - Colossians 4:3-4
 - Hebrews 4:15-16
5. We gain power over evil through prayer—even those who are weak physically can be strong spiritually!
 - Matthew 26:41
 - Mark 9:29
 - 1 Timothy 4:8
6. Prayer is unstoppable—even though nations may prohibit possession of God’s Word, nothing can keep you from coming to God in prayer.
 - Psalm 139:7
 - Romans 8:38-39
7. We are kept humble before God through prayer—we realize God is in control and we are unable to accomplish anything on our own, apart from Him.
 - Jeremiah 32:17
 - John 15:5
 - Romans 8:28
8. We experience God, enabling us to have an experiential basis for our faith.
 - Genesis 18:1-33
 - John 14:16-17
9. Answered prayer can be a powerful witness to unbelievers.
 - Colossians 4:3
 - James 5:16
10. The bonds between brothers and sisters in Christ are strengthened as we confess our sins one to another and pray for each other.
 - James 5:16
 - 1 John 5:15-16
11. Prayer can succeed when other means of help for a person or situation have failed.
 - 1 Chronicles 16:11
 - James 5:13-15