



PRAYER

A closer look



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KINDS OF PRAYERS

- **Pray in secret:**

- ...Go into your room, shut the door... (Matt 6:6)

- **Pray as a family**

- Cornelius prayed with all his household..(Acts 10:2)

- **Pray in groups**

- ..where two or three are gathered in my name...(Matt 18:20)

- Pray in Public**

- if you bless with the spirit how will he say Amen? (1Corin 14:14-17)

PARTS OF A PRAYER

➤ **Commonly used acrostics:**

- **ACTS** – Adoration, Confession, Testimony (Thanksgiving), Supplication
- **PRAY** – Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield

➤ **Adoration or Praise:**

- O most high, Heavenly Father, Eternal God...(Daniel 4:34)

➤ **Confession or Repent:**

we confess our sins..forgive our sins...pardon our iniquities...(1John 1:9)

➤ **Supplication or Ask:**

Our needs be made known to God...(1Tim 2:1-3)


➤ **Intercession:**

- Interceding for others who are afflicted, sick, needy....(James 5:14-15)

➤ **Thanksgiving or Yield:**

- ..in everything..with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil 4:4)

REQUIREMENTS

- **Forgiving Spirit (Matt 6:14)**
 - **Simplicity (Matt 6:5)**
 - **Humility & Repentance (Luke 18: 10-14)**
 - **Confident Expectation (Mark 11:24)**
 - **Without many words (Matt 6: 7)**
 - **Unceasingly (1Thes 5:17)**
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PRAYERS ARE OFTEN UNANSWERED BECAUSE.....

➤ **Existence of sin**

- If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear (Ps 66:18)

➤ **Selfishness**

- You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss...(James 4:3)

Doubt

-let him ask with no doubting...(James 1:5-7)

Disobedience

- One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination (Prov 28:9)

➤ **Inhumanity**

- Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard (Prov 21:13)

➤ **Pride**

- Conceited sense of one's superiority (Luke 18:11-14)