

## **Brief Information on Prayer**

Prayer is an important aspect of the Christian Life. The Bible provides us many examples of prayer and also the basics of prayer. Here you can learn the what is prayer, what are the simple parts of prayer, what are the requirements of prayer and much more information. Check this out and refresh your prayer life today.

### **Prayer—a request to God**

- A. *Kinds of:*
- Secret Matt. 6:6
  - Family Acts 10:2, 30
  - Group Matt. 18:20
  - Public 1 Cor. 14:14–17
- B. *Parts of:*
- Adoration Dan. 4:34, 35
  - Confession 1 John 1:9
  - Supplication 1 Tim. 2:1–3
  - Intercession James 5:14, 15
  - Thanksgiving Phil. 4:6
- C. *Personal requirements of:*
- Purity of heart Ps. 66:18, 19
  - Believing Matt. 21:22
  - In Christ's name John 14:13
  - According to God's will 1 John 5:14
- D. *General requirements of:*
- Forgiving spirit Matt. 6:14
  - Simplicity Matt. 6:5, 6
  - Humility and repentance Luke 18:10–14
  - Unity of believers Matt. 18:19, 20
  - Tenacity Luke 18:1–8
  - Importunity Luke 11:5–8
  - Intensity Matt. 7:7–11
  - Confident expectation Mark 11:24
  - Without many words Matt. 6:7
  - Unceasingly 1 Thess. 5:17
- E. *Answers refused, because of:*
- Sin Ps. 66:18
  - Selfishness James 4:3
  - Doubt James 1:5–7
  - Disobedience Prov. 28:9
  - Inhumanity Prov. 21:13
  - Pride Luke 18:11, 12, 14

- F. *Posture for:*  
Standing Neh. 9:5  
Kneeling Ezra 9:5  
Sitting 1 Chr. 17:16–27  
Bowing Ex. 34:8  
Hands uplifted 1 Tim. 2:8

**Prayer meetings**

- In the upper room Acts 1:13, 14  
In a house Acts 12:5–17  
By a river Acts 16:13  
On a beach Acts 21:5

**Prayers of Christ**

- A. *Their nature:*  
Adoration Matt. 11:25–27  
Intercession John 17:1–26  
Thanksgiving John 11:41, 42
- B. *Their great occasions:*  
At His baptism Luke 3:21, 22  
Before selecting the apostles Luke 6:12–16  
At His transfiguration Luke 9:28, 29  
In Gethsemane Matt. 26:36–42
- C. *Their times and places:*  
Early in morning Mark 1:35  
In secret Luke 5:16; Luke 9:18  
With others Luke 11:1  
On mountain Matt. 14:23

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