

Seeking the Lord for Our Every Need

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!



WHAT should we be asking for? 1. Things that honor God

WHAT should we be asking for? 2. Strength to follow His commands

"Judge not, that you be not judged.

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

WHAT should we be asking for? 3. Christ's Kingdom Come: In our hearts and in the world

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WHAT should we be asking for? 4. Daily Provision

WHAT should we be asking for? 5. Needs of the community

WHAT should we be asking for? 6. An answer to our continued prayers

Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,

for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?

I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend,

yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.



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WHY do we pray? 3. God cares about our daily burdens



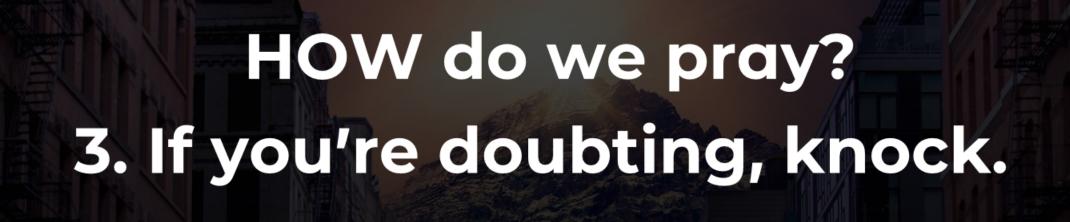
WHY do we pray? 5. God is able to do what we ask AND He's already given us salvation.

WHY do we pray? 6. Let God be God and let us be human



HOW do we pray? 1. If you're in need (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual), ask.

HOW do we pray? 2. If you want guidance, seek Him.



One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord

Psalm 27:7-8

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

Psalm 27:13-14

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!