

Five Reasons why prayer is important in the life of a believer:

1. Prayer is a _____ of _____

2. Prayer reveals our _____ on _____

a. _____ as our example

b. _____ as our example

3. Prayer is an _____ of _____
- a. We are called to be _____ in prayer
- b. We are called to _____ that God will _____
- c. We are called to _____ those who desire to _____

4. Prayer _____ our true _____
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- | Natural Man | Regenerated Man |
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5. Prayer is a _____ of the _____
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- | Gospel | Prayer |
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| Goal | |
| Object | |
| Man | |
| Response | |
| Result | |
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A Prayerful Beginning: The Importance of Prayer

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1. Prayer is a natural part of Creation

A. Man was created in the image of God.

(Gen 1:27)

B. God walked in the garden with man.

(Gen 3:8)

C. Man was in a relationship with God.

2. Prayer reveals our dependency on God.

A. Christ as our example

- John 5:19
- John 5:30
- John 8:28
- John 12:49

B. Paul as our example

- Eph. 6:19 – 20
- Col. 4:3 – 4

3. Prayer is an act of obedience.

A. We are called to be devoted to prayer.

Col 4: 2 – 4

²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

1 Thess. 5: 14 – 18

¹⁴And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

3. Prayer is an act of obedience.

A. We are called to be devoted to prayer.

B. We are called to have faith that God will answer.

Mark 11: 24 – 26

²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

3. Prayer is an act of obedience.

A. We are called to be devoted to prayer.

B. We are called to have faith that God will answer.

C. We are called to pray for those who desire to do us harm.

Matt. 4:43 – 45

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

4. Prayer exposes our true heart.

Natural Man

Regenerated Man

Self –focused

Others focused

Doubting

Hopeful

Immature

Mature

Guilty

Free in Christ

5. Prayer is a reflection of the Gospel

Gospel

Prayer

Goal

Relationship/Reconciliation

Relationship/Reconciliation

Object

Christ

God/Christ/Spirit

Man

Evil/Unworthy

Evil/Unworthy

Response

Only through the Spirit

Only by the Spirit

Result

Gift of Salvation

Gift of Help
