

Four aspects of a life of prayer.

1. Prayer is not confined to _____ or _____.

2. Prayer is a relationship with an _____ and _____ God.

a. Some things are _____ to pray for.

b. It is okay to _____ God.

c. We can petition God for _____ and _____ things

3. Prayer is an act that is approached with _____ and _____.

a. We have a _____ with prayer

<u>Problem</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Solution</u>
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b. We must be _____ with our prayers

1. Prayer _____ and _____.

a. We pray because of our _____ with God.

b. God _____ through:

A Prayerful Beginning: No Recipe Needed

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1. Prayer is not confined to time or

Does it matter what time of day you pray?

Does it matter where you pray?

2. Prayer is a relationship with an infinite and personal God.

a. Some things are difficult to pray for.

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The small things in life (mundane things)

Material gain

Change

God's will

2. Prayer is a relationship with an infinite and personal God.

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<u>Our Problem</u>	<u>God's Desire</u>
Small things	Give us good things
Material gain	Change our material needs to eternal needs
Change	Conform us to Christ
God's will	Abide in Christ

2. Prayer is a relationship with an infinite and personal God.

a. Some things are difficult to pray for.

b. It is okay to petition God.

c. We can petition God for any and all things.

John 14: 13 – 14

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

John 15:7

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken

John 16:23 – 24

... Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.
²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

3. Prayer is an act that is approached with boldness and humility.

a. We have a problem with prayer.

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James 4:1 – 3

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

A. We have a problem with prayer.

Problem

Cause

Solution

Do not have

Do not ask

Ask boldly

Do not receive

Ask with wrong
motives

Surrender to
God's will

3. Prayer is an act that is approached with boldness and humility.

a. We have a problem with prayer.

b. We must be guarded with our prayers.

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1. “Name it and claim it” prayers
2. “If it be your will” prayers
3. “In Jesus’ name” prayers

4. Prayer brings about change and draws us near to God.

a. We pray because of our relationship with God.

b. God changes us through:

1. Trials

2. Accountability

3. Unanswered prayer