

“Is There a Right Way to Pray?”

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Martin Luther on Prayer

At times I, who teach this and prescribe it to others, have learned from my own example that praying comes close to being the most difficult of all works. Therefore I do not claim to be a master in this task.

Parts and Characteristics of Real Prayer

1. The urging of God's commandment, who has strictly required us to pray.
2. His promise, in which He declares that He will hear us.
3. An examination of our own need and misery, which burden lies so heavily on our shoulders that we have to carry it to God immediately and pour it out before Him, in accordance with His order and commandment.
4. True faith, based on this Word and promise of God, praying with the certainty and confidence that He will hear and help us.
5. And all these things in the Name of Christ, through whom our prayer is acceptable to the Father and for whose sake He gives us every grace and every good.

Pray

_____ and _____

Mark 1:35; Matthew 18:19

Ephesians 6:18

Matthew 6:5-7

A Couple of Ways to Pray

1. Pray as Jesus taught us – Using the Lord's Prayer as an outline
Matthew 6:5-15

2. Prayer is responding to God's Word 2 Timothy 3:16

• What does it _____?

• What does it _____?

• How does it _____ to Jesus?

• What am I to _____?

• Pray back to God what you “_____” and ask that it take root in you

3. P-R-A-Y

Psalms 9:1-2

1 John 1:8-9

Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:4-7

Matthew 26:39; Daniel 3:17-18

