

Praying

Prayer - What, Why, When, Who, Where, How



What is Prayer

My belief is that prayer is a sincere and heart-to-heart communication with the Almighty God. The Bible never attempts to prove the existence of God; rather, it assumes His existence from the very beginning (Genesis 1:1). What the Bible does is reveal the nature, character, and work of God.



Why must we pray?

Many people will ask the commonplace question - "If God is in control of human history and also directs individual lives, what is the point of praying?" The answer lies in understanding what prayer is, namely, to think of it primarily as an ongoing conversation with God. With this realization, we will realize that there is no such thing as an unanswered prayer.



When must we pray?

In my belief, our whole life should become a life of prayer. Whether we wake, eat, walk, play, work, rest, chat or retire for the night, we should enjoy God's presence: rejoicing in Him, praising Him, thanking Him, talking to Him, listening to Him, saying we are sorry for our sins, and keeping silent to just listen for His voice. As we share our life with Him, we allow Him to share His life with us. God is always waiting for us to pray.



Who should we pray to and for whom should we intercede?

I believe that we should pray to God continually.

I also believe that we need to pray for others first and then for ourselves.



Where should we pray?

I believe that we must learn to pray anywhere during all the times that we are awake.



How should we pray?

The best example of how to pray is to follow the example that Jesus Christ provided.

It goes like this:

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

