

From Systematic Theology, Wayne Grudem (Chapter 18, Prayer), et.al

Prayer is Personal Communication with God

4 Aspects of Prayer

- A. Why God Wants us to pray.
- B. The Effectiveness of Prayer
- C. Important Considerations in Prayer
- D. Praise and thanksgiving

A. Why Does God Want us to Pray?

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- 3.

B. The Effectiveness of Prayer

1. Prayer Changes the Way God Acts

James 4:2 You have not because you ask not
Matthew 7:7 ASK, Ask, Seek, Knock
Luke 11:9-10
Exodus 32:9-10, 11-12, 14
2 Chronicles 7:14
1 John 1:9

2. Effective Prayer is Made Possible by Our Mediator, Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:5 There is one mediator...
Hebrews 7:23-28, 8:1-6, 9:1-14
Romans 3:23-26 Salvation in the past by the future work of Jesus
Hebrews 4:14-15
Hebrews 9:3 7:26-27 Only Priests can access Holy of Holies,
Hebrews 10:19-20, 22 We now have the confidence to approach God
Hebrews 9:24 Jesus has already gone into God's presence on our behalf

3. Praying "in Jesus' Name"

According to Jesus Will and Authority, consistent with his character.

4. Should we pray to Jesus and the Holy Spirit

5. The Role of the Holy Spirit in our Praying
Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit helps us in our weakness...

C. Some Important Considerations in Effective Prayer

1. Praying according to God's will
1 John 5:14-15
Matthew 6:10
Matthew 26:39
2. Praying with Faith
Mark 11:24
Hebrew 11:1
Matthew 21:22
James 1:6
3. Obedience
Proverbs 15:8, 15:29, 28:9
Psalm 34
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4. Confession of Sins
5. Forgiving Others
6. Humility
7. Continuing in Prayer Over Time
Persistent Prayer focuses our attention
Persistent Prayer clarifies our request
Persistent Prayer tests our faith
Persistent Prayer prepares ur heart for the answer
8. Praying Earnestly
9. Waiting on the Lord
10. Praying in Private
11. Praying With Others
12. Fasting accompanies prayer in times of...
intensive intercession, repentance, worship, seeking guidance

Fasting benefits us... Spiritually

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... as well as physically.

13. What about Unanswered Prayer

D. Praise and Thanksgiving