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Hope Series

**Sharing how to relate to
God through a life of prayer**

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* What is prayer?

A means of communicating with God, through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit's help, which will create a special relationship with God.

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* What motivates us to pray?

1. Promise of Presence – James 4 v 8

Come near to God and He will come near to you.

2. Promise of Peace – Philippians 4 v 6-8

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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3. Promise of Power – Ephesians 6 v 12 & 18

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

2 Corinthians 10 v 24

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

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Outstanding pray-ers in the Old Testament

Hannah – 1 Samuel 1 v 10-11

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, “LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

David – Psalm 51 v 1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

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**Gideon – Judges 6
The wool fleece test**

Daniel - Daniel 6 v 10

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

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* How do we pray?

Be humble and real – Matthew 6 v 5-13

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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* How do we pray? (cont)

This, then, is how you should pray:

*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.*

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive
others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

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Be persistent – Matthew 7 v 7-11

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

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Pray in and for the will of God – 1 John 5 v 14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Personal Prayer – Matthew 14 v 23

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone;

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Examples of types of Prayer

1. Prayer with the “fleece”
2. Prayer of Faith



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