



CrossWay Church – Macky Shedd – August 3rd, 2025

Prayer Is _____ & _____.

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.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. **Ephesians 6:12, 18 (NIV)**

"Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. ¹³ But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia." **Daniel 10:12-13 (NLT)**

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. ⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. **Acts 12:5-7 (NIV)**

What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation. **Hebrews 1:14 (GNT)**

Our Prayers Can Be _____ Or _____.

When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening... **Isaiah 1:15 (NIV)**

Saul asked the Lord... but the Lord refused to answer him, either by dreams or by sacred lots or by the prophets. **1 Samuel 28:6 (NLT)**

GOD'S WORD SAYS MY PRAYERS CAN BE AMPLIFIED IF...

1. _____.

You don't have the things you want, because you don't pray for them. **James 4:2 (GWT)**

And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for... ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks. **Luke 11:9-10 (NLT)**

I TEND TO PRAY...
Never 1 2 3 4 Inconsistently 5 6 7 8 9 Always 10

2. _____.

And when you do ask, you still do not get what you want because your motives are all wrong—because you continually focus on self... **James 4:3 (VOICE)**

MY PRAYERS TEND TO BE...
About Me 1 2 3 4 Balanced 5 6 7 8 About Others 9 10

3. _____.

If you refuse to obey what you have been taught, your prayers will not be heard. **Proverbs 28:9 (TLB)**

Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers! **Isaiah 59: 2 (CEV)**

If I had ignored my sins, the Lord would not have listened to me. **Psalms 66:18 (GNT)**

I TEND TO DEAL WITH SIN IN MY LIFE...
Inattentively 1 2 3 4 Casually 5 6 7 8 9 10 Seriously

4. _____.

Whoever ignores the poor when they cry for help will also cry for help and not be answered. **Proverbs 21:13 (NCV)**

MY ATTITUDES & DEALINGS WITH THE POOR ARE...
Contemptuous 1 2 3 4 Contrived 5 6 7 8 9 10 Compassionate

5. _____.

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. **1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)**

I TREAT MY SPOUSE...
Rudely 1 2 3 4 Erratically 5 6 7 8 9 10 Respectfully/Lovingly

6. _____.

If you have faith in God and don't doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. ²⁴ Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith. **Mark 11:23-24 (CEV)**

If any of you needs wisdom..., you should ask God, and he will give it to you. God is generous to everyone and doesn't find fault with them. ⁶ When you ask for something, don't have any doubts. A person who has doubts is like a wave that is blown by the wind and tossed by the sea. ⁷ A person who doubts shouldn't expect to receive anything from the Lord. **James 1:5-7 (GW)**

WHEN I PRAY, I PRAY...
Doubtfully 1 2 3 4 Wishfully 5 6 7 8 9 10 Expectantly

7. _____.

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven... **Matthew 6:9 (NLT)**

If your son asked for a fish, would you give him a snake? No ... you would give him a fish—the best fish you could find. ¹¹ So if you, who are sinful, know how to give your children good gifts, how much more so does your Father in heaven, who is perfect, know how to give great gifts to His children! **Mathew 7:10-11 (VOICE)**

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **Galatians 3:26-27 (NIV)**

I have become a child of God by being clothed with Christ in baptism? Yes / No