



Why and How Do I Pray?

1. Do you pray/have you ever tried praying? What does that typically look like?
2. In the talk various reasons for praying are given. Which of these do you relate to and why?
3. What difference would it make if you believed your prayers, or the prayers of others for you, were actually heard by God?
4. Have you ever felt God answered one of your prayers? Was it more than a coincidence?
5. Do you believe prayer makes a difference in your relationship with God? How so?
6. Do you believe prayer makes a difference in your life? How so?
7. In what ways do you hope to improve your prayer life? Frequency, Focus, Journaling, Corporate Prayer?
8. Does anyone here think they have the gift of intercession?
9. Have you heard Jesus say anything to you or teach you something during this Alpha course?

10. End the meeting with an open time of prayer. Anyone may participate by praying out loud if they are led to do so. The attached scriptures can be read out loud by anyone as a prayer.

Scripture References on Prayer

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. Philippians 4:6-7

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:3

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

