

Series: Ready, Aim, Pray
Message: Why Pray?
Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13
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¹¹ *'Give us this day our daily bread.*

¹² *'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

¹³ *'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'*

Matthew 6:8

⁸ *"So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.*

1. Prayer Builds Relationship.

Psalms 116:1

¹ *I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications.*

Psalms 145:18

¹⁸ *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.*

2. Prayer Begets Peace.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

"Oh what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer."

3. Prayer Brings Results.

James 5:16-18

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Luke 22:31-32

³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat;

³² but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

James 4:2c

² ... *You do not have because you do not ask.*

Exodus 32:14

¹⁴ *So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.*

Luke 11:1

¹ *It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."*

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5 Targets of Prayer:

1. God's Honor
2. God's Kingdom
3. God's Provision
4. God's Forgiveness
5. God's Power