

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PRAYER
#SermonPrayer
40 Days of Prayer – Week 1
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Romans 8:26b ...We don't even know what we should pray for, nor how to pray as we should... (LB)

Luke 11:1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of the disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." (NIV)

4 FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

1. GOD LOVES ME TO TALK TO HIM

Psalm 103:13 The Lord is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence him. (LB)

Matthew 10:30 God pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! (MSG)

2. GOD LISTENS TO SINCERE SIMPLE PRAYERS

Matthew 6:5-8 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 men...⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.⁸ Do not be like them... (NIV)

Hebrews 10:22 Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith... (TEV)

3. GOD LIKES TO ANSWER PRAYER

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. (TEV)

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you. I will show you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own. (MSG)

James 4:2c ...You do not have, because you do not ask God. (NIV)

4. GOD LONGS TO BE CLOSE TO ME

Isaiah 30:18a The Lord waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion... (NLT)

Hosea 6:6 I don't want your sacrifices – I want your love! I don't want your offerings, I want you to know me! (LB)

Psalm 25:14 Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone He shares the secrets of his promises. (LB)

James 4:8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. (NLT)