

God Wants You to Pray

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1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

“¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.”

“My prayer life is weak or non-existence or I do not know how to pray.” — If you’ve ever said those words, you’re not alone. Many Christians desire, more than anything, to overcome spiritual weakness and have an effective prayer life. Have you experienced effective prayer? The kind that changes lives? Hebrews 4:16 gives you a clue: *“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most”* (NLT). If that’s what you would like, then it’s time to begin practicing life-changing prayer.

Why would God want me to pray? Because we are important to Him. *So important* that He assumed human form (Jesus) to demonstrate how far and wide and high and deep is His ceaseless love for us. But God isn’t our magic genie. He’s the Creator of the Universe. So, when we pray, we acknowledge that He is in control. Whether at your desk or behind the wheel of your car ... on your knees, or prone on your living room floor, using full sentences, or broken moans, cast your cares upon God. Know that He understands your pain, and that He desires for you to come to Him with every care and concern. Family, God desires relationship – communion and communication – with His children and He wants each one of you to daily come into His presence through prayer. Prayer is about experiencing intimacy with God and purposely setting apart regular time to spend with Him. Will you start today... God bless you.