

# 11 Prayer Suggestions



How can our prayers be more meaningful?

Do we pray out of habit / routine?

Here are 11 Suggestions

# 1 PRAY MORE

We spend little time in prayer  
We need more Daniels

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

# 1 PRAY MORE

**Luke 6:12** Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

**Matthew 26:39-40** He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40 Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour?

## 2 BE SPECIFIC

- Are our prayers too general?
  - We use “Bless” too often
- God can HEAL, SAVE, FORGIVE
- God can ANSWER, PROVIDE
  - God can HEAR, HELP

God can GIVE US A WAY OF ESCAPE

## 3 PRAY WITH FAITH

**James 1:6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

**Mark 11:24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

# 4 RISE ABOVE COVETOUSNESS

James 4:2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

Selfishness and greed  
hinder our prayers

## 5 PRAY WITH ZEAL

**James 5:16** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Prayer can not be routine (ho-hum)  
Fervent = alive, with zeal, excitement

## 6 GROW MORE GODLY

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**1 Peter 3:12** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

## 7 IMPROVE HOME

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Personal life can hinder our prayers.

## 8 GROW IN HUMILITY

**Matthew 5:3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**James 4:6** But He gives more grace.  
Therefore He says: "God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble."

## 8 GROW IN HUMILITY

**Luke 8:11-14** 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

# 9 HAVE FORGIVENESS

**Matthew 6:12** And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

**Matthew 6:14-15** 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# 10 BE PERSISTENT

**Luke 18:1** Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart

**Luke 11: 8-10** 8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. 9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

# 11 COMBINE WITH ACTION

**Pray** – Everything depends on God

**Work** – Everything depends on you

Farmer said, “Pray for a good harvest, but keep on plowing.”