

**How Sweet the Sound:**  
**Pray in Your Friend's Name**  
**July 14, 2024**

*'Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God' – Philippians 4:6*

Prayer often feels like a \_\_\_\_\_.

Misconceptions about prayer:

1. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Prayer does not \_\_\_\_\_.

We do not pray to a distant, uninvolved, hard to please \_\_\_\_\_, rather we pray to a loving, caring, personal God who calls us \_\_\_\_\_.

How do I pray?

1. Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_ to God. **(Philippians 4:6)**
  - If it's \_\_\_\_\_ enough to worry about it's \_\_\_\_\_ enough to pray about.
  - Start like you are having a conversation with a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_ to God. **(1 Peter 5:7)**
  - It's \_\_\_\_\_ to share frustrations with God.

3. Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_ to God. **(John 10:27)**

- Our relationship to Him is not meant to be \_\_\_\_\_-directional.

4. At ALL times, you give \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

- Reread Philippians 4:6 with the context in mind.

Prayer may or may not \_\_\_\_\_ your circumstances, but it will absolutely change \_\_\_\_\_.

True \_\_\_\_\_ is not the absence of problems. True peace is found in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Reflect on these questions this week:**

- Do you sometimes struggle to pray? What helped you this week in your conversations with God?
- What might 'pray without ceasing' look like in your life?
- How can viewing God as your friend help your prayer life?

