

PRAYER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

-- VBS HOMEWORK --

Read 2 Chronicles 14:1-13 and complete the chart below:

Asa's Character
Asa's Challenge
Asa's Request
God's Response

In your own words tell us what ***Prayer Is....***

In your own words tell us what ***Prayer is not...***

----- PRAYER FORUM & WORKSHOP -----

Session 1

- **Group 1: The Purpose of Prayer** (*Why was prayer created?*)
- **Group 2: The Importance of Prayer** (*How does prayer benefit me?*)
- **Group 3: The Elements of Prayer** (*List necessary actions needed to build an effective prayer life*)

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Session 2

- **Group 1: What does the Bible say about Prayer?**
- **Group 2: List things that can hinder your prayer life.**
- **Group 3: Using the Model Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) as your example, identify basic components of prayer.**

Session 3: Prayer Requests

- Personal
- Congregational
- Community

Make It Personal

Consider our discussions about Asa and how prayer makes a difference. Now, consider your own life. Consider any adjustments you might need to make in order to develop a more effective prayer life. Consider ways you can build and improve your connection with Jesus Christ.

Like Asa, cry out to God for help and complete the form below:

My Character
My Challenge
My Request
Wait for God's Response

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Philippians 4:6

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

Jeremiah 29:12-13

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

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.”

1 Kings 8:28

Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today:

Exodus 33:13

Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people.”

Daniel 9:4-5

And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land

1 John 5:14

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

2 Chronicles 6:40

Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place.

Colossians 4:2

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

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.

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Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Psalm 42:8

The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me— A prayer to the God of my life.

Matthew 6:5-7

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.”

Psalm 55:16-17

As for me, I will call upon God, and the LORD shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.

Mark 11:25

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Psalm 141:2

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 5:1-3

Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. ² Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct *it* to You, And I will look up.

Romans 8:25-27

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing

Suggestion: Consider Creating a Daily Prayer Focus for the Week

Monday: God’s Guidance	Wednesday: Relationships	Friday: Community	Sunday: Church & Pastor,
Tuesday: Family	Thursday: Personal Goals/Plans	Saturday: Unsaved	Purpose, Gifts, Ministry