

1/10: Devotion Guide

(Q39 — With What Attitude Should We Pray?)

Everything you need for your family worship time is right here: [Q39](#). You will find:

- This week's question and answer (and the Q&A in song form too!)
- A historical commentary
- A devotional

Below, you will find a short, kid-friendly devotional that goes with the material above. This is not a kids-only devotional. Instead, it is one that you might find helpful if you have mixed-ages in your home. It should be helpful for preK kids, elementary school kids, tweens, teens, and adults. The idea is simply to give you a little additional support in thinking through this question as a family.

With What Attitude Should We Pray? With love, perseverance, and gratefulness.

Scripture: PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Kid-Friendly Devotion

What does it mean to pray with love, perseverance, and gratefulness? It means that **we pray knowing who God is**: He is the loving, kind, committed God who died on the cross to pay for our sins. We are not coming to a distant, uncaring King. Our God loves us, so we can love Him back. (Question: Does remembering what Jesus did for you on the cross affect how you pray?)

And praying with perseverance means that we don't give up. Sometimes we have to wait, wait, wait. And we have to keep asking. (Question: What does it tell God if we keep asking when we pray?) It tells Him that we believe He hears and that He will respond. **Perseverance is patience plus faithfulness**. Jesus talked about this saying,

"Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need" (Luke 11:5-8)

Lastly, we pray with gratitude. This is because we know that **God only does what is best for his children**. We can be thankful when He says *yes* because He is giving us his best. And we can be thankful when He says *no* because He is still giving us what is best. (Question: Do you believe that God will always respond to your prayers by giving you what is best?)

Pray (3 mins): *Take a few minutes to pray. Ask God to help you pray by remembering what He has done for you, with patience plus faithfulness, and believing that He only does what's best.*