

Why does God want us to pray?

HUMILITY — Bowing before the Splendor and Majesty of God (*see diagram page 2*)

1. **To Renew in our hearts ... the Wonder and Awe of the Splendor and Majesty of God**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Psalm 96:8-9

Pray To acknowledge our **DEPENDENCE** on Him in and for everything

ADORATION -- Honor due His Holy Name (*see diagram page 2*)

2. **To offer worship, praise and honor that is due his holy name**

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1-2 O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? Psalm 89:8

Pray To express our Trust, Love and our Delight in **FELLOWSHIP** with Him

CONFESSION -- Unbroken Fellowship (*see diagram page 2*)

3. **PRAY to maintain unbroken fellowship with a holy God**

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Pray To express a humble and lowly spirit in **CONFESSION** before Him

THANKSGIVING – Seeing His Invisible Hand of Providence (*see diagram page 2*)

SPIRIT LED INTERCESSION -- Kingdom Partnership (*see diagram page 2*)

4. **PRAY to actively participate in Kingdom partnership with God**

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, ... Psalm 40:1-4a

Pray To allow us the privilege of **PARTICIPATION** in His eternally important activities

SUPPLICATION -- Our dependence and neediness

5. PRAY to open the door and invite god into our neediness

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Psalm 32:6-8

Pray Because He wants us to ask for **OUR NEEDS** in harmony with His will for us

MINISTRY -- Guidance and Direction

6. PRAY to give us guidance and direction in serving him

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways *acknowledge him, (*literally: know Him*) and he will make *straight your paths. (*straight = moral straightness*) Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7

Pray Because He wants us to **DISCOVER HIS LEADING** in our lives and ministry

LIFTING HOLY HANDS TO GOD IN PRAYER

