

Why Doesnt God Answer My Prayers

Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV)

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

God Always Answers Prayer

- > Yes
- > No
- > Yes, but not the way you expected
- > Not Yet

1. Maybe God hasn't answered your prayer because YOU haven't prayed.

James 4:2 (NKJV)

Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

2. Maybe God hasn't answered your prayer because of Unconfessed Sin in your life.

Psalms 66:18 (NKJV)

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

Isaiah 59:1 (NKJV)

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

James 5:16 (NIV)

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

1 Peter 3:12 (NKJV)

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.

3. Maybe God hasn't answered your prayer because of Unreconciled Relationships.

Matthew 5:23-24 (NRSV)

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

Matthew 5:24 (NRSV)

leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

1 Peter 3:7 (MSG)

The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God's grace, you're equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don't run aground.

4. Maybe God hasn't answered your prayer because of Selfish Motives.

James 4:3 (NLT)

And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

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

5. Maybe God hasn't answered your prayer because of an Uncaring Attitude.

Proverbs 21:13 (NKJV)

Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard.

Isaiah 58:3 (NLT)

‘We have fasted before you!’ they say. ‘Why aren’t you impressed? We have done much penance, and you don’t even notice it!’” I will tell you why! It’s because you are living for yourselves even while you are fasting. You keep right on oppressing your workers.

Isaiah 58:4 (NLT)

What good is fasting when you keep on fighting and quarreling? This kind of fasting will never get you anywhere with me.

Isaiah 58:5 (NLT)

You humble yourselves by going through the motions of penance, bowing your heads like a blade of grass in the wind. You dress in sackcloth and cover yourselves with ashes. Is this what you call fasting? Do you really think this will please the LORD?

Isaiah 58:6 (NLT)

“No, the kind of fasting I want calls you to free those who are wrongly imprisoned and to stop oppressing those who work for you. Treat them fairly and give them what they earn.

Isaiah 58:7 (NLT)

I want you to share your food with the hungry and to welcome poor wanderers into your homes. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

Isaiah 58:8 (NLT)

“If you do these things, your salvation will come like the dawn. Yes, your healing will come quickly. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the LORD will protect you from behind. 9 Then when you call, the LORD will answer.

6. Maybe God hasn’t answered your prayer because of the Littleness of your Faith.

Matthew 17:20 (NRSV)

He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

James 1:5 (NKJV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:6 (NKJV)

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.

James 1:7 (NKJV)

For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.