

Incentives to Pray

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- I. Prayer
 - A. Definition: to ask earnestly; to entreat; to petition; to make a request; confession – especially to God
 - B. Prayer is in the Bible under circumstances and varied purposes.
- II. Christ and Prayer
 - A. Christ is a model for life and prayer
 - B. Christ's life was guided by prayer
 - 1. Luke 11:1
 - 2. Romans 5:2 *"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."*
 - C. Model Prayer
- III. Two Intercessors
 - A. Holy Spirit
 - 1. By faith.
 - B. Christ
 - 1. At the right hand of God.
 - C. Faith and Patience
- IV. Importunity
 - A. Definition: troublesome, to pester with requests, etc.
 - B. Urgent prayer
 - C. Need for prayer
 - 1. People don't feel the urgency for the need of prayer today.
 - 2. Should we be content?
- V. Turning hearts to God
 - A. Elijah
 - B. Sincerity
 - C. Galatians 6:9
 - D. Deliverance
- VI. Conclusion
 - A. Minister's Need
 - B. Christ's Prayer in Gethsemane
 - 1. 17th Chapter of John
 - 2. Hebrews 5:7
 - C. Will God hear us if we meet his requirements?
 - 1. Isaiah 58:9 *"Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am..."*