

## Pray To The Lord

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### ➤ Intro:

- **lesson wanted to do** present for a long time
- **sermon:** on prayer, with prayers offered by men throughout the lesson
  - eight Greek words are translated pray, prayer, etc – 4 verbs and 4 nouns
  - this lesson review 5 of the more distinct words translated *pray*, for a better understanding
- **purpose:** become better at praying

➤ **Formal prayer (*proseuchomai*)** This Greek word denotes the formal (vs. informal) prayers which are only made to God the Father — see the three usages in Colossians, also see the command in James 5 where Elijah, who prayed to God the Father, is an example of the prayers we should offer. – **review, exhort**

### ➤ - example of Jesus in garden

- **PP - Matt. 26:39** Jesus praying in garden, sweat as blood – **intensity**
- **Heb. 5:7-9** Jesus, days flesh, prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears

### ➤ - pray not to enter temptation

- **PP - Matt. 26:41** Jesus' exhortation to the apostles to pray, enter not into temptation – **us, today**

### ➤ - frequency: all the time

- **PP - 1 Th. 5:17** pray all the time – **frequency**

### ➤ - must be holy

- **PP - 1 Tim. 2:8** pray, holy hands, without wrath and dissension – **how**

### ➤ - when sick, suffering

- **PP - Ja. 5:13-14** pray when suffering, call for the elders, pray – **sickness**

### ➤ - for forgiveness

- **PP - Jam. 5:16** confess sins, pray for one another – **effective prayer of righteous man accomplishes much**
- **prayer:** formal prayer to God – **exhort**

➤ **Ask, request, entreat, beg, beseech God in prayer (*erotao*)** This Greek word is not translated "pray" in NASB, but it's translated "pray" 14 times in KJV. It often denotes a request made of one person to another person. Below are the Scriptures relating to prayer to God. – **review, exhort**

### ➤ - example of Jesus to God

- **PP - Jn. 17:9, 15, 20** Jesus praying to God – Jesus asked God in prayer

### ➤ - ask God in Jesus' name

- **PP - Jn. 16:23** pray – **to God in Jesus name (authority) – ask God in Jesus name**

### ➤ - ask God to forgive others

- **PP - 1 Jn. 5:16** pray for God to forgive people – **ask God to forgive people in prayer, not ask God to forgive people who have not obeyed terms of forgiveness**

- **prayer:** ask, request, entreat God in prayer, ask for forgiveness – **exhort**

- **Communicate our desires and wants (making request) to God in prayer (*deomai*)** This Greek word denotes the desire (requests) we communicate to God make in our prayers (Rom. 1:10). It is not used exclusively regarding prayer to God. – **review, exhort**
- - **secular examples of making a request**
  - **PP - Acts 26:3** Paul before Agrippa, request him to listen
- - **PP - 2 Cor. 5:20** Paul's request for people to be reconciled to Christ
- - **spiritual example asking someone to pray for you – e.g., announcements at church - coming forward**
  - **PP - Acts 8:24** Simon asks Peter to pray for him, forgiveness
- - **example of an actual prayer in the Bible of this type – request for confidence, boldness**
  - **PP - Acts 4:31** disciples pray for confidence (boldness)
  - **Acts 4:23-31** read prayer
- - **Jesus commands disciples to pray - request for strength**
  - **PP - Lk. 21:36** disciples commanded to pray for strength at coming of Christ
- - **making request regarding preaching and teaching**
  - **PP - Rom.1:10** Paul pray, requesting to preach in Rome
- **prayer: express desires, wants, requests to God in prayer – exhort**
  
- **Supplications to God asking Him to supply our wants and needs (*deesis*)** Primarily "a wanting, a need", then, "an asking, entreaty, supplication," in the NT is always addressed to God and always rendered "supplication" or "supplications" (Vine's). – **review, exhort**
- - **example of Jesus – wanted God to save Him from the cross**
  - **PP - Heb. 5:7** Jesus in the garden, wanted God to save Him from the cross, if possible, His will
- - **heart-felt desire**
  - **PP - Rom.10:1** Paul's heart-felt desire expressed to God in prayer - their salvation
- - **the cure for anxiety**
  - **PP - Phil. 4:6** make our wants and needs made known to God, not be anxious - trust God
- - **the manner of remaining alert - not fall into Satan's traps**
  - **PP - Eph 6:18** with prayer and petition, be on the alert with all perseverance
- - **must be righteous for God to hear**
  - **PP - 1 Pet. 3:12** God attends the prayers of the righteous
- **prayer: asking God to supply our wants and needs – exhort**
  
- **Intercessory prayer (*enteuxis*) – review, exhort**
- - **intercessory prayer for all men**
  - **PP - 1 Tim. 2:1** pray for all men
  - **1 Tim. 2:1-4** pray for kings and authority so lead tranquil godly life, that all men obey God and be saved
- - **intercessory prayer for our food**
  - **PP - 1 Tim. 4:5** for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and **prayer**.
  - **1 Tim. 4:1-5** false doctrines regarding eating food, but it is sanctified by word of God and prayer
    - **word of God:** that which God ordains in His word
    - **intercessory prayer:** for the food which God gives us, with gratitude and thanksgiving
- **prayer: intercessory prayer for all men and our food – exhort**
  
- **Summary / Inv. – review, exhort**
  - **review:** 5 types of prayers studied
- - **exhort:** pray, the way God wants us to pray, devote ourselves to prayer and to improve in our prayerful relationship with God - **inv.:** be a faithful Christian, and God will attend your prayers