Why Pray? Sun Pm 4/11/2021

 *Jesus Instructed us to pray.*

# Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

**16**Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Luke 18:1 (NKJV)

**18**Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

# Matthew 6:5-7 (NKJV)

**5**“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. **6**But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place;* and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. **7**And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do.* For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)

**17**pray without ceasing,

 *Prayer is how we receive from God.*

# Matthew 7:7-11 (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. **9**Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **10**Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? **11**If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

# James 1:17 (NKJV)

**17**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

# James 4:2 (NKJV)

**2**You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

 *Joy and peace are found in prayer.*

# John 16:24 (NKJV)

**24**Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

# John 14:27 (NKJV)

**27**Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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 *Prayer brings salvation.*

# Psalm 34:6 (NKJV)

**6**This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard *him,* And saved him out of all his troubles.

# Psalm 27:13-14 (NKJV)

**13***I would have lost heart,* unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.

**14**Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

# Romans 10:9-14 (NKJV)

**9**that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10**For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **11**For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” **12**For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **13**For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**14**How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

 *Prayer brings wisdom and guidance.*

# James 1:5 (NKJV)

**5**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.

# Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)

**3**‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’

# Psalm 32:8 (NKJV)

**8**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.

# John 14:26 (NKJV)

**26**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

 *Jesus is our perfect example and He prayed.*

# Hebrews 5:7 (NKJV)

# 7who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

# Matthew 14:23 (NKJV)

**23**And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

# Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)

**25**Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.