

Prayer



1. As a group or with a friend discuss:
 - a. What do you think prayer is?
 - b. Why do you believe prayer is important?
 - c. Do you think a person can be a Christian and not pray?
2. Individually or as a group, examine the two versions of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4) found in the gospels.
 - a. What are the differences?
 - b. When might one of the versions be more appropriate than the other in your spiritual life?
 - c. Why do you think the Lord's Prayer is important to Christianity? To you?
3. Locate six (6) prayers in the Bible (at least two of Jesus' and two in the Old Testament), then:
 - a. Read / listen to each prayer
 - b. Discover who prayed, what they prayed for, and why they prayed.
 - c. Discover the result of each prayer
4. Learn the A C T S for prayer and list an example of a prayer of each type in the Bible.
 - a. A – Adoration (Praise)
 - b. C – Confession
 - c. T – Thanksgiving
 - d. S – Supplication (Requests)
5. As a group or with a friend, read / listen to and discuss the chapter on Prayer in the book, **Steps to Christ**.
6. As a group or with a friend, discuss how you have seen God answer personal prayer, whether your prayers or those of a friend or family member.
7. Develop a personal prayer life by praying daily for a month for:
 - a. A mission / missionary
 - b. Person(s) who are ill
 - c. A church or school leader
 - d. An issue(s) affecting the neighbors of your communityShare your experience with your group and/or instructor.
8. Pray with someone that has a physical, emotional, or spiritual need.

Skill Level 1

New in 2012

Prayer, Advanced

1. Have previously earned the Basic Prayer Honor
2. Read and discuss as a group the purpose of prayer as outlined in James 1:2-9
3. Examine answered prayers in the Bible about a variety of Bible characters, then present a skit about two of the above prayer stories and answers to their prayers. (Samson, David, Hezekiah, Moses, Elisha, Daniel, etc.)
3. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we read that we are to “pray without ceasing” Discuss what this means and how this can be done.
4. Read or listen to the chapter in **Steps to Christ** by Ellen G. White entitled “The Privilege of Prayer” and discuss with a group what you learned.
5. Ellen White writes in **The Great Controversy** that “It is part of God’s plan to grant us in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask.”
 - a. Discuss the meaning of this passage to a Christian believer.
 - b. In your discussion, ask “Why do you think God does something in answer to prayer that He would not otherwise do?”
6. Memorize six (6) different verses about prayer. For each memorized passage, be able to tell (as appropriate):
 - a. What a person prayed for
 - b. The person’s prayer location
 - c. Time a person prayed
 - d. The person’s position in prayer
7. Interview three (3) people regarding their answered prayers and share the stories with your club, unit, church or family.
8. Create a plan for praying in public.
 - a. Practice your prayer before praying with others.
 - b. When you pray to God, talk to Him as a friend.
9. Pray aloud at two of the following occasions:
 - a. Pathfinder/AY Meeting
 - b. School meeting
 - c. Potluck
 - d. Sabbath School
 - e. Church Service
 - f. Prayer Meeting/Small Group meeting
10. Keep a daily prayer journal for six weeks, recording your prayers and any recognized answers to prayer.

Skill Level 2

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