

Scriptures about Prayer

1 Chronicles 16:11 (NIV) Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

2 Chronicles 6:21 (NIV) Hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, Your dwelling place; and when You hear, forgive.

2 Chronicles 7:13-15 (NIV) “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among My people, if My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

1 John 5:14 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:15 (NIV) And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him.

3 John 1:2 (NIV) Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

2 Kings 20:5 (NIV) Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of My people, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord.’

1 Peter 3:7 (NIV) Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1 Peter 3:12 (NIV) For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

1 Peter 4:7 (NIV) The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:8 (NIV) Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

Acts 1:14 (NIV) They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:21 (NIV) And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 2:42 (NIV) They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 4:31 (NIV) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 12:5 (NIV) So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

Acts 16:25 (NIV) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Daniel 2:23 (NIV) I thank and praise You, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, You have made known to me what we asked of You, You have made known to us the dream of the king.

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ezra 8:23 (NIV) So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

James 1:6 (NIV) But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 5:13-16 (NIV) Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:17-18 (NIV) Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Jeremiah 29:12 (NIV) Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV) Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

Job 22:21-30 (NIV) “Submit to God and be at peace with Him; in this way prosperity will come to you. Accept instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart. If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored: If you remove wickedness far from your tent and assign your nuggets to the dust, your gold of Ophir to the rocks in the ravines, then the Almighty will be your gold, the choicest silver for you. Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God. You will pray to Him, and He will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows. What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways. When people are brought low and you say, ‘Lift them up!’ then He will save the downcast. He will deliver even one who is not innocent, who will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands.”

Job 42:10 (NIV) After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

John 14:13 (NIV) And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 15:16 (NIV) You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you.

John 17:15 (NIV) My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV) But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 11:13 (NIV) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Luke 18:1 (NIV) Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

Mark 11:24 (NIV) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:25 (NIV) And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Matthew 5:44 (NIV) But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 6:5 (NIV) And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Matthew 6:6 (NIV) But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:7 (NIV) And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) This, then, is how you should pray:
'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 18:20 (NIV) For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.

Matthew 21:22 (NIV) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

Matthew 26:41 (NIV) Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Philippians 1:19 (NIV) For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 15:29 (NIV) The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.

Proverbs 15:8 (NIV) The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases Him.

Psalms 4:1 (NIV) Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

Psalms 5:3 (NIV) In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly.

Psalms 10:12 (NIV) Arise, Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.

Psalms 17:6 (NIV) I call on you, my God, for You will answer me; turn Your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Psalms 18:6 (NIV) In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears.

Psalms 19:14 (NIV) May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms 34:6 (NIV) This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalms 39:12 (NIV) Hear my prayer, Lord, listen to my cry for help; do not be deaf to my weeping. I dwell with You as a foreigner, a stranger, as all my ancestors were.

Psalms 42:8 (NIV) By day the Lord directs His love, at night His song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

Psalms 66:17 (NIV) I cried out to Him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue.

Psalms 102:17 (NIV) He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; He will not despise their plea.

Psalms 118:5 (NIV) When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a spacious place.

Psalms 141:2 (NIV) May my prayer be set before You like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

Psalms 143:1 (NIV) Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Psalms 145:18 (NIV) The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

Romans 12:12 (NIV) Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Zechariah 10:6 (NIV) I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.