



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

TEN SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR PRAYER LIFE
Sunday Evening Message (August 7, 2016)
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Introduction: A majority of Christians pray every day (55%) and believe it is an essential part of their Christian walk (63%). We are commanded to pray but also have a responsibility to take it seriously. The Bible contains 377 references to praise and 375 references to prayer. We should spend more time studying this topic and applying what we learn. Let's study together...

Discussion:

1. ***PRAY MORE REVERENTLY*** → Matthew 6:5-9
2. ***PRAY MORE SPECIFICALLY*** → Matthew 6:10-13
3. ***PRAY MORE PERSISTENTLY*** → Luke 11:1-4
4. ***PRAY MORE COMPASSIONATELY*** → Luke 23:34
5. ***PRAY MORE FAITHFULLY*** → James 1:5-8
6. ***PRAY MORE SELFLESSLY*** → James 4:1-5
7. ***PRAY MORE HUMBLY*** → James 4:6
8. ***PRAY MORE FERVENTLY*** → James 5:13-18
9. ***PRAY MORE PERSONALLY*** → I Peter 3:1-9
10. ***PRAY MORE FREQUENTLY*** → I Thessalonians 5:17

Conclusion: There is no doubt that prayer matters. There is also power in prayer! You can notice from each of these 10 points that prayer depends on God but we also have an obligation to do something ourselves to get our prayers answered. That means we need to combine action with our prayers. Augustine said, "*Pray as though everything depends on God. Work as if everything depended on you.*" Are you a child of God? Have you obeyed the gospel? How is your prayer life? How is your relationship with God? Now is a great opportunity to get a fresh new start. Come to Jesus!