



## The God Who Answers Prayer

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Many people struggle with the discipline of prayer. How can we discover the power of effective prayer?

### 1. What is the character of God?

- Attentive *I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking to me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!* Isaiah 65:24 (NLT)
- Gracious *My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and free we then become in His presence, freely asking according to His will, sure that He's listening. And if we're confident that He's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.* 1 John 5:13-15 (MSG)
- Merciful *We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful.* Daniel 9:18b (NIV)

### 2. What are the requirements of prayer?

- Humility 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Belief *Listen to me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it.* Mark 11:24 (TLB)

- Dependency *But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!* John 15:7 (NLT)

- Obedience *And we will receive whatever we request because we obey Him and do the things that please Him.* 1 John 3:22 (NLT)

### 3. What is a pattern for prayer?

*When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!* Matthew 6:7-8 (NLT)

*The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.* James 5:16b (NLT)

*You do not have, because you do not ask.* James 4:2b (NIV)