



**Topic:**

**Equipping for Ministry and Prayer**

**Definition of Prayer**

Prayer is communication with \_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ through  
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**A. Understanding the concept of priesthood**

1. 1 Peter 2:1-5

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2. Exodus 28:1-3

“Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests. <sup>2</sup> Make sacred garments for your brother Aaron to give him dignity and honor. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the skilled workers to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so he may serve me as priest.



3. 29:42-46

42 “For the generations to come this burnt offering is to be made regularly at the entrance to the tent of meeting, before the LORD. There I will meet you and speak to you; <sup>43</sup> there also I will meet with the Israelites, and the place will be consecrated by my glory. <sup>44</sup> “So I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar and will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. <sup>45</sup> Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. <sup>46</sup> They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

4. Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> 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.

**B. Why we pray**

1. Jesus tells us to pray - Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

2. The Apostles tell us to pray - 1 Thessalonians 5:17  
Pray continually

3. By prayer we hear and receive from God - I Corinthians 2: 9-16

However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him <sup>9</sup>The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. — <sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup> for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.



### C. What happens when we pray?

1. Prayer aligns human spirit to Holy Spirit and human mind to the mind of Christ
2. Prayer gets us what God wants us to have

### D. How we pray - Matthew 6

#### 1. **FAITH**

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."  
(Hebrews 11:6)

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."" (Matthew 21:22)

#### 2. **ADORATION**

"...Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." (Matthew 6:9)

"“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”" (Revelation 4:11)

#### 3. **CONFESSION**

"And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors." (Matthew 6:12)

"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me

thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge." (Psalm 51:1-4)

#### 4. **THANKSGIVING**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;" (Philippians 4:6)

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

#### 5. **SUPPLICATION**

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—" (Ephesians 6:18)

#### **E. Value of praying in the Spirit – 1 Corinthians 14**

1. Pray with the spirit and with understanding – 1 Corinth 14: 15a
  
2. The Holy Spirit is given charge to intercede -Romans 8:26, 27