

- **The purpose of a Christian's prayers –**
  - Prayer is a Christian's way of talking with their God (Matthew 7:7, Isaiah 55:6)
  - Prayer is a Christian's way of sharing their heart with their Father (Psalm 62:8, Psalm 25:1-2)
  - Prayer is a Christian's way of asking their Commander for help (Psalm 34:4, Psalm 50:15)
- **The promises of a Christian's prayers –**
  - God hears our prayers (Job 22:27, Jeremiah 29:12)
  - God answers our prayers – Sometimes right away or after a delay (Isaiah 65:24, Luke 18:7)
  - God answers our prayers – Sometimes different from the request and sometimes exceeding the request (2 Cor. 12:8-9, Ephesians 3:20)
- **The preparation for a Christian's prayers –**
  - Prepare to pray by avoiding sin and praying with faith (1 John 3:22, Hebrews 10:22)
  - Prepare to pray by asking boldly, but yet humbly and with reverence (2 Chron. 7:14, Heb 4:16)
  - Prepare to pray by expecting to be heard and answered (1 John 5:14, Psalm 27:7)
- **The pattern for a Christian's prayers –**
  - The pattern - prayers are made to God, in Jesus' name, and with the Holy Spirit's help (John 16:23, John 14:14)
  - The picture of prayer – the Lord's example prayer (Matt. 6:9-13)
  - The parts of our prayers – P.A.R.T.S. (Hebrews 13:15, Psalm 51:9-10)
- **The people in a Christian's prayers –**
  - Leaders - spiritual leaders and temporal leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:25, 1 Timothy 2:1-3)
  - Christians - fellow-believers and ourselves (James 5:16, Ps 27:11)
  - Others – the unsaved and our enemies (Matt 9:37-38, Luke 6:27-28)
- **The plan for a Christian's prayers –**
  - When to pray...always (Luke 18:1, Acts 6:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
  - Where to pray...anywhere (1 Tim 2:8, Psalm 134:2)
  - How to pray...in any position (Acts 20:36, Psalms 95:6)
- **The problems with a Christian's prayers –** problems with the request itself
  - Heart issues...unbelief or a wrong motive (James 1:6-7, James 4:3)
  - Method issues...vain repetitions or flowery language (Matt. 6:5, Matt. 6:7)
  - Sin issues (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- **The point of a Christian's prayers**
  - Our Prayers bring delight and glory to the Lord (Proverbs 15:8, John 14:13)
  - God rewards those who pray and does great a mighty things (Matthew 6:6, Jeremiah 33:3)
  - God answers our prayers to build our faith and confidence in Him and bring us joy. (Psalms 116:1-2, John 16:24)