

Why Should We Pray?

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Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."⁵ And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. (Heb. 4:1-10 ESV)

I. Jesus set the _____ why and how we should pray.

A. Jesus took time to be _____.

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, (Matt. 14:23 ESV)

B. We are the ones God _____ to the Son.

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for

those whom you have given me, for they are yours. (Jn. 17:9
ESV)

II. Jesus taught the _____ of prayer.

A. We should always pray and _____ give up!

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought
always to pray and not lose heart. (Lk. 18:1 ESV)

B. The Holy Spirit _____ us in prayer.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Helper, to be with you forever,¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him
nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and
will be in you. (Jn. 14:16-17 ESV)

III. Jesus taught his _____ to pray.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished,
one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John
taught his disciples." (Lk. 11:1 ESV)

A. They had a _____ to learn.

B. This is how you should _____.

IV. _____ tells us to pray.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with
thanksgiving. (Col. 4:2 ESV)

A. _____ together in prayer.

B. Watchful for _____ ?

C. Thankful for His _____.