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Week 2: The Power of Prayer

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[9 Things You Should Know About Prayer Of The Bible](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-things-you-should-know-about-prayer-in-the-bible) by Joe Carter
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There are over 650 prayers that are listed in the Bible.

There are over 450 answered prayers in the Bible.

Jesus is recorded praying over 25 times in scripture.

Jesus modeled how to pray

Paul mentions prayer over 41 times.

There are 5 postures of prayer listed in scripture.

Sitting (2 Samuel 7:18)

Standing (Mark 11:25)

Kneeling (Chronicles 6:13; Daniel 6:10, Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60, 9:40,20:36, 21:5; Ephesians 3:14)

With Your Face to the Ground (Matthew 26:39; Mark 14:35)

With your hands lifted (1 Timothy 2:8)

Community Group Questions:

1. Write your definition of prayer?
2. Do you find praying out loud intimidating? If so, why?
3. How have you seen prayers answered in your life?

Scriptures on Prayer:

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

“Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:18

“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And also forgive our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:9-13 The Lord’s Prayer

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayers and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” Philippians 4:4-6

Stories in the Bible:

Hannah is infertile, and she prays desperately for a son. 1 Samuel 1

Peter is in prison for preaching the gospel: the church prayed for his release. Acts 12

Moses ask God to see him. Exodus 33:18

Jesus prays for God’s will before His arrest and crucifixion. Luke 22

When Elisha and his servant are surrounded by the enemy. Elisha prays for God to reveal His power. 2 Kings 6

A thief on a cross asks Jesus to save him before he dies. Luke 23:42-43

“Whatever fascinates you will guide you, so pray that the only thing that fascinates you is God and His marvelous glory.” A.W. Tozer

Books on Prayer:

The Teenage Prayer Experiment Notebook by Maranda and Noah Threlfall-Holmes

The Complete Collection of E.M. Bounds on Prayer by E. M. Bounds