

Answer Key:

What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

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Develop A Habit of Praying

1. Running
2. Schedule

Try this Model...

1. Start
2. breakfast
3. midmorning
4. lunch

Ask God...

- need
 - other
5. afternoon
 - admit
 6. decisions
 7. End

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Putting on Jesus

Part 11

“Can we talk..?”

Ephesians 6:18 NCV

"Pray in the Spirit in every situation. Use every kind of prayer and request there is. For the same reason be alert. Use every kind of effort and make every kind of request for all of God's people."

Introductory Statement

When we read the Bible, it's clear that the apostle Paul prayed all the time, but can we possibly pray continuously? Ephesians 6 above explains that we should always pray and anywhere, with all kinds of prayers whenever a thought comes to mind. We should ask for everything we need, and always be ready by having a plan for our prayers, never stopping or giving up, but praying for everyone. We should develop the habits of keeping a running conversation with God instead of talking to ourselves, and schedule times for specific kinds of prayer throughout our day.

What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

- It just means let God _____ you.

One of the great functions of the Spirit in prayer is to guard us from praying with bad motives and for wrong things.

3 Verses about Praying in the Spirit

- *"What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also" 1 Corinthians 14:15 NIV.*
- *"Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints" Ephesians 6:18 NIV.*
- *"But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit" Jude 1:20 NIV.*

Develop A Habit of Praying

1. Keep a _____ conversation with God.

Ephesians 6:18 TEV

"Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 GWT

"Never stop praying! (Pray all the time!)"

2. _____ prayer times throughout the day.

Psalm 119:164 NIV

"Seven times a day I praise you!"

Try this Model...

1. _____ the day with gratitude.

(Thanksgiving)

Matthew 6:8-9 NIV

Jesus said, "...Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. So then, this is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven'..."

James 1:17 NIV

"Every good gift and every perfect present comes from your Father of light in heaven..."

Try this Model...

2. Lift God's name at _____.

(Praise)

Matthew 6:9 NIV

"Hallowed be your name..."

Psalms 145:2 NIV

"Every day I will thank you; I will praise you forever and ever."

Psalms 9:10 NIV

"Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never abandoned those who truly seek you."

Names of God...

Abba

Your Loving Father!

Jehovah Rapha

Your God who Heals you!

El Shaddai

God Almighty – with all the Power you need!

Try this Model...

3. At _____, remember what matters most.

(Dedication)

Matthew 6:10 NCV

"May your kingdom come, and may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Check your heart, mind, and reason for doing what you are doing.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Try this Model...

4. List your needs at _____.

(Petition)

Matthew 6:11 NIV

"Give us today our daily bread."

Ask God...

- Ask for anything you _____.

John 14:13 NLT

Jesus: "You can ask for anything in my name"

- Ask for what _____ people need too.

(INTERCESSION)

2 Peter 1:3 NCV

"Jesus has the power of God, by which he gives us everything we need to live, and to serve God. We have these things because we know him."

Try this Model...

5. Ask for forgiveness in the _____.

(Confession)

Matthew 6:12 NCV

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

- I _____ my sins and I forgive others who have frustrated me.

Psalm 32:5 NCV

"I confessed my sins to you and didn't try to hide them... Then you forgave me and now all my guilt is gone!"

Try this Model...

6. Ask God to help me make wise _____.

(Protection)

Matthew 6:13 NIV

"And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

Try this Model...

7. _____ my day with an encouraging truth.

(Benediction)

Matthew 6:13 NAS

"For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever!

Amen!"

***"If you look at the world you'll be distressed, if you look within,
you'll be depressed, if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest."***

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It all depends on who you are looking at!