

PRAYER

GROWING IN CHRIST

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Prayer is our lifeline to God. We need to form the habit of starting each day with prayer and then praying throughout the day.

The Father wants you to talk to him.

John 16:16,23-24 [Jesus said,] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me...²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” ESV

John 17:6-8 [Jesus prayed for his disciples,] “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.” NIV

So, talk to him.

On your card: Tell God about your day.

Your Father’s heart is for your good.

Matthew 7:7-11 [Jesus said,] “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” ESV

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm of David.

Psalm 4:1 Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. NIV

So, ask for what you need.

On your card: Tell God about your needs (financial, physical, emotional, spiritual, etc.).

The Father wants to pursue common goals and dreams with you.

Matthew 6:9-10 [Jesus said,] “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’” NIV

So, talk to God about your common dreams.

On your card: Pray for something or someone that is on God’s heart.