

Some Examples of Prayer in the Bible

Genesis 20:17 “Then Abraham prayed to God ...”

Genesis 32:9 “Then Jacob prayed, ‘O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac ...’”

Matthew 26:39 “Going a little farther, [Jesus] fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.’”

Acts 4:24 “When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘Sovereign Lord,’ they said, ‘you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them....’”

Acts 10:2 “He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.”

The Passages Referenced Inside

Matthew 6:9 “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.’”

Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He does not hear.”

Proverbs 15:29 “The LORD is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous.” (Also Proverbs 28:9)

Matthew 1:21 “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, in order that He might bring us to God.”

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 1:1&14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...”

Romans 5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...”

James 5:16b “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

See “Prayer Basics – Part 1” for more information on prayer and many short prayers!

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Prayer Basics

Part 2



With a Bible Study

This Brochure Will Answer These Questions:

- What is prayer?
- To whom should we pray?
- What separates people from God the Father?
- Through whom has our separation been removed?
- How has our relationship with the Father been restored?
- What is a good diagram of our prayers rising to the Father through Jesus?

A Bible Study on Some Basics of Prayer

See the other side of this brochure for the Bible passages noted below.

1. "What is prayer? Prayer is speaking to God in _____ and _____." (An Explanation of the Small Catechism, question 194)
2. "To whom should we pray? We should pray to the true _____ only, _____, _____, and _____..." (An Explanation of the Small Catechism, question 195)
3. To which Person of the Holy Trinity are most (*if not all*) Bible prayers directed?
 - a. God the Father
 - b. God the Son
 - c. God the Holy Spirit
4. Where is that Person now? In _____
5. How do we know His location? _____ (Matthew 6:9)

The line below represents the separation we have made between our Heavenly Father and ourselves.



6. What separates people from God the _____? _____ (Isaiah 59:2; Proverbs 15:29)
7. Through whom has our separation been removed? _____ (Matthew 1:21)
8. How did He restore our relationship with the Father? _____
_____ (1 Peter 3:18)
9. From 1 Timothy 2:5, note more information to better identify the following three:
 - a. God: _____ (John 3:16)
 - b. Mediator: _____ (John 1:1&14)
 - c. Men: _____ (Romans 5:12)

A Prayer Diagram – Based on 1 Timothy 2:5

God – the Father

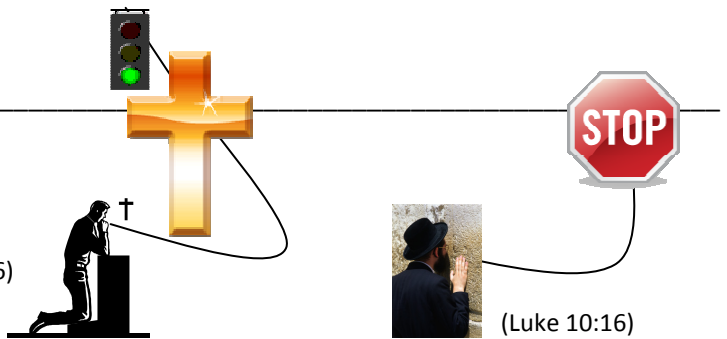
Sin Separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2) _____

God the Son took away the sin of the world (John 1:29)

God the Spirit helps us communicate with the Father

(Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:11-12; 6:19-20)

God the Son is the only way to God the Father (John 14:6)



10. Since God the Father has made us righteous in His sight through His Son, why should we be encouraged to faithfully say our prayers? _____
_____ (James 5:16b)

Answers: 1-words, thoughts; 2-God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit; 3-God the Father; 4-heaven; 5-from the Lord's Prayer introduction; 6-sin, iniquity, wickedness; 7-Jesus; 8-Jesus lived in our place without sin, received our sin and punishment, and laid down His life; 9-God is God the Father, Mediator is God the Son who put on human flesh, and Men are all people—men, women, and children; 10—since God has made us His children through Jesus, He will hear and answer our prayers!