How To Pray



Lake Erie Church



Depending on your choice, each segment can be

5 minutes=1 hour

1 minute=12 minutes

3 minutes=36 minutes

HOW TO PRAY

Happy New Year and welcome to our sermon series on How To Pray.

Your assignment:

* Read Matthew 6:5-18
* Pray at least 5 minutes today

Handout: The Hour That Changes The World

* We ask you to make your home a place of prayer
* We ask you to make your automobile a place of prayer
* We ask you to make each day a time of prayer

We Are Calling Lake Erie Church To Pray.

Because we are DESPERATE

* To see people saved
* To see people healed
* To see miracles occur
* To see the activation of prophecies spoken over this church and our people

“We are stretching to the heavens to flip the big Red switch on the wall called REVIVAL”

(Peter Greig)

We are reminded of God’s PROMISE…

(2 Chron. 7:14)

and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

(Luke 18:1-8)

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that **THEY SHOULD ALWAYS PRAY** and **NEVER GIVE UP**. There was a judge in a certain city who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy. The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, I don’t fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests! Then the Lord said, Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly!

Introduction:

Everybody thinks about prayer in different ways.

**T**he challenge is not to prescribe ONE WAY to pray because if you do then it becomes **R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

If you try to pray like someone else, you will be too **M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

What would happen if you asked Jesus (as the disciples did) “teach me to pray”?

Remember 3 things today about prayer

**Keep it S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* We often make prayer too complicated.
* We don’t have to get it right every time.

(Matthew 6:7-8 MSG)

The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need.

Here are 2 things to remember…

1. Don’t O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Prayer Life
2. Don’t C­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your Prayer Life To Others

**Keep It R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Sometimes we are afraid to be **real** with God.
* God invites you to make your prayer real and because God is real, He will meet you in your reality.
* Prevailing prayer are like brass knuckles to KO the enemy
	+ Embrace the authority of your prayers
		- Prayer is not necessarily loud
		- Prayer is not necessarily emotional
		- Prayer does not necessarily involve crying
	+ But prayer is powerful and crushing to the attacks of the enemy!

**Keep It U\_\_\_\_**

(Luke 18:1)

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* What does it mean to “Pray without ceasing”

(I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Rejoice always; **pray without ceasing**; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

* Make prayer a daily and constant piece of your life.
* We can and should pray formally
* We should pray passionately
* We should pray consistently

Conclusion:

Prayer has a **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**—where we meet with God

Prayer has a **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**—where God meets with us

Question: When will you know you’ve prayed enough?

* Prayer is not about length of time you pray
* Prayer is not about what you say or don’t say
* Prayer is about entering into the PRESENCE of God.

When you enter His Presence—you will be powerfully impacted by the Glory of God. And that Presence will go with you the remaining part of your day or night.

(Hebrews 10:19)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.