

# ***Pray with Clarity***

*Sunday September 17, 2023*

*Series: Time to Pray!*

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

*Hebrews 4:16 ESV*

(Also: Romans 8:26, Lamentations 3:22-23)

## **I Access My Creator Through \_\_\_\_\_**

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*

*Hebrews 4:15 ESV*

(Also: Leviticus 10:1-2; 1 Samuel 2:22; Matthew 26:3-4)

*“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”*

*1 Timothy 2:5 ESV*

**Sympathize**— to share your feelings of and understand your thoughts and attitudes.

(Also: 1 Corinthians 10:13)

*“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

*Hebrews 2:18 ESV*

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## **My Greater Understanding of Prayer Can Make Me More Effective at Prayer!**

### **Praying With Clarity**

**- Who Do I Pray to?** \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ **Empowers My Prayer** (Romans 8:26)

The \_\_\_\_\_ **Provides Access for My Prayer** (Hebrews 10:19-22)

The \_\_\_\_\_ **is the Focus of My Prayer**

*“Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”*

*Matthew 6:9 ESV*

**- What is the Right Posture for Prayer?** \_\_\_\_\_

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,”*

*Ephesians 3:14 ESV*

(Also: Philippians 2:10)

*“I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling,”*  
*1 Timothy 2:8 ESV*

**- What Requests Should I Pray?** \_\_\_\_\_

*“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*  
*Philippians 4:6–7 ESV*

**- When Should I Pray?** \_\_\_\_\_

*“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”*  
*Matthew 6:6 ESV*

*“pray without ceasing,”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17 ESV*

**- Who Should I Pray With?** \_\_\_\_\_

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”*  
*Acts 2:42 ESV*

*“So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.”* *Acts 12:5 ESV*

*“When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.”*  
*Acts 12:12 ESV*

**- Why Should I Pray?** \_\_\_\_\_

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”*  
*1 John 5:14–15 ESV*

**- How Long Do My Prayers Last?** \_\_\_\_\_

*“And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”*  
*Revelation 5:8 ESV*

(Also: Romans 8:26)

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