

Children-2-pray: Victorious prayer

Why is prayer such a big deal? If grownups believed in prayer, then why are they so worried? Can I really trust God to answer my prayers? How should I speak to God? How often should I pray to have a good prayer life? These are all questions we will try to answer this month and so encourage you to pray!

MONDAY: What is prayer? Prayer is talking to God, as well as listening when God speaks to us! We talk often with our friends and family. God is our friend and our heavenly Father. He wants to talk to us. *Heavenly Father, I love You and want to speak to You more often. Please remind me to speak to You right through the day! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

TUESDAY: Why should we pray? There are many reasons for praying: To give the Lord our thanks and praise, to confess our sins, to ask Him for help with our problems, to ask His help for others, and just to talk with our Father. *Heavenly Father, thank you for my life, and that I can tell you anything that happens in it. Help me remember to speak to You about my problems until they disappear, so that others can also come to know You are real. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

WEDNESDAY: How should we pray? You can close your eyes, bow your head, kneel down or fold your hands to pray. This position shows respect. But, you can also pray while you walk to school, sit in the bus or taxi, or when you wake up in the middle of the night and feel scared. Remember to pray in Jesus' Name, because Jesus told us to ask or pray in His Name and through the cross and His blood that was shed, we have free access to the throne of God (**John 16:23b**). *Lord Jesus, teach me how You want me to talk to you. Help me remember at any time and place that I can talk to you and that you are never far away. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

THURSDAY: When should we pray? Men and women in the Bible have taught us that we can pray anytime. **1 Thessalonians 5:17** tells us to "Pray without ceasing". There is never a bad time to pray. *Heavenly Father, thank you that You are always awake and listening to my prayers; that You never get tired and are available to help me day and night! Remind me to pray all the time. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

FRIDAY: Where should we pray? You can pray anywhere. The Bible says that God is everywhere, so you can be in any situation, place or any kind of trouble, and when you pray He will hear you and answer your prayer as He knows best how to answer it. *Thank you Heavenly Father, that You are with me, even when I am scared or something bad happens to me. Thank you that I can always cry out to you, day or night. I put my trust in You alone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*