

Why Pray?

Colossians 1:9-11

More and more people are using meditation. People are acknowledging that they need peace and something more in life, but they may not know that that something is God. Meditating is different from prayer when we are actually focused on God.

What is Prayer - Billy Graham "Prayer is spiritual _____ between man and God... Prayer to God is like a child's conversation with his father.

1. Prayer _____ **God** (vs 9 "we continue to ask God.")

- A. When we pray we are not simply _____ we are calling on God.
- B. Good example is at _____ 1 Kings 18

2. Prayer _____ **Angels** (Matt 26:53)

- A. Daniel - 9:21 "While I was still in _____, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, _____ to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He instructed me & said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. 23 As soon as you began to pray,
- B. Peter - Act 12:5 but they never _____ praying for Peter.
Act 12:7-8 The angel helped Peter escape from _____.

3. Prayer _____ **Demons** (Mark 9:29)

- A. Jesus told His disciples that they could not cast out the demon because "this kind can only come out by _____."
- B. Luke 22:31-32 Jesus told Peter ""Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

4. Prayer _____ **Us** (1 John 1:9)

- A. What sins do you need so start praying about so you _____ ?
- B. Prayer _____ us on God and not on ourselves or other people.

5. Prayer _____ **Others** (Luke 22:32)

- A. Paul tells the church at _____ that he is praying for them. (Col. 1:9)
- B. It wasn't to long before this that Ananias was _____ for Paul Acts 9:10

CONCLUSION:

Why should we pray? Can we all agree that prayer changes things. Prayer changes people. Prayer changes us. We sometimes forget that the most powerful thing we can do is talk to the only one who can make a real difference in this world.