

How To: Have a Good Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Ask God to bless your prayer time.

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."
Psalm 139:23-24*

Give God your full attention.

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

Open your Bible and read some of it.

*"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your word."
Psalm 119:18*

Open your mind and heart to the Holy Spirit's leading.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you." John 15:7

Distractions are to be avoided.

"When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6

Praise God for all He is and all He does.

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."
Psalm 103:1-2*

Repent; be cleansed of all the sins that stand between you and God.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Ask faithfully and confidently.

*"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
Hebrews 4:16*

Yield to God's will, way, and time.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

End with a statement of faith and praise: AMEN!

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Revelation 7:12

Repeat often!

*"Pray without ceasing".
1 Thessalonians 5:17*