



YOU ARE HEARD

1 JOHN 5:13-15

Scripture repeatedly presents prayer as a privilege (Matthew 7:7-8; Philippians 4:6; James 5:16; 1 John 5:14-15) and an expectation (Matthew 6:5-7; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17), and, yet, it is so easy for us to neglect prayer. Why is prayer such a big deal? More importantly, why should we view prayer as a blessing? And, if prayer is so important, then should we not always be trying to improve our practice of it?

WHY IS PRAYER A BLESSING?

1. Prayer is a blessing because not all prayers are _____.
 - Scripture teaches that God hears the prayers of the _____ but not the _____ (John 9:31; Psalm 34:15-16; 1 Peter 3:10-12; Proverbs 15:29; James 5:16; Isaiah 59:1-2).
 - However, that does not mean that God never hears the prayers of “_____” (Acts 10:1-4, 44-48; Jonah 3:5-9).

2. Prayer is a blessing because prayer is _____.
 - Prayer is _____ because it puts us in direct _____ with the One who is in _____ (Genesis 18:17-33; Matthew 6:5, 7; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).
 - As a result, prayer should never be treated as _____ (Acts 12:1-17; Matthew 7:7-8; Mark 11:25; 1 John 5:14-15; Philippians 4:6; James 5:16).

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER?

1. The purpose of prayer is to _____ God’s greatness rather than _____ our own (Matthew 6:9).

2. The purpose of prayer is to _____ our will rather than _____ it (Matthew 6:10).

3. The purpose of prayer is to acknowledge our _____ on God, not to gain our _____ from God (Matthew 6:11-13).



MY WORSHIP NOTES

Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle One: **Sunday** **Wednesday** Circle One: **Morning** **Evening**

**LIST THE SONGS
THAT WE SANG:**



What Scripture was Read? _____

What was the Sermon Title? _____



Make a mark for each time you hear these words in the sermon:

GOD	JESUS	BIBLE	BLESSED
PRAYER	HEAR	POWERFUL	PRAY

**WRITE DOWN THE BIBLE
VERSES THAT WERE
USED IN THE SERMON:**

DRAW A PICTURE BASED ON TODAY'S LESSON