



Praying with Confidence Eph 3:14 - 21



Above all, put on love,
which is the perfect
bond of unity.





What is prayer?

Talking to the creator in the belief that he is there, wants to listen, and wants to reveal himself as real through our prayers. (John 15:7-8)

- “Prayer is the belief that my prayers put God to work” in what he already wants to do (EM Bounds).





1. God's purpose in prayer is for us to know He is real and that He can be trusted.
- V14, Therefore, for this reason I bow my knees before the Father.
 1. That he would give us strength through the HS
 2. That our faith in Christ might be deepened
 3. That we would comprehend the love of God so that we might be filled up to the full on God.



Matt. 6:6-8 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. 7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (ESV)





2. Believers have a “right of access” through Jesus in our prayers.

A. We have a “go-between” when we pray.

B. We have a promise of right of access

C. We are to come in boldness and in confidence in our access.

- Eph 3:11-12
- Heb 4:16, 10:19-22.





3. Paul's prayers frequently included these elements.

1. Thanks and adoration/praise of God. Eph 1:3f:
2. Intercession for others, regardless of the need. Eph 3:14f; 1 Tim 5:23
3. Spiritual growth for himself and his people. 3:14-21; Col 4:3
4. Prayers for himself. 2 Cor 12:7-10, Eph 6:19



Next steps:

1. Will you pray the Prayer of Jabez for the entire month of July, 2022? Keep a record of how God “blesses you, indeed.” Give a “shout out” for God when it happens.
2. Ask Jesus to make you a man or woman of prayer. Keep a record of your prayers and how they are answered.



