



Assurance of Answered Prayer

- **What is Prayer?**

Prayer is two-way communication with God. It is the practice of the presence of God. It is the place where pride is abandoned, praise and thanksgiving are given, and supplication (asking humbly) is made. Prayer is the place of admitting our need, of adopting humility, and being dependent on God. Prayer is an essential practice of the Christian. Prayer is the exercise of faith and hope. Prayer is the privilege of touching the heart of the Father through the Son of God, Jesus our Lord. Prayer changes the one praying because in prayer, you are in the presence of God as you lay before Him your complete self in confession and dependence. There is nothing we can hide from God -- when we are reaching into the deepest part of ourselves and admitting our needs and failures, and asking for His strength. In so doing, our hearts are quieted and pride is stripped and we enjoy the presence and power of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords of the universe!

- **Some of my personal experiences in prayer ...**

- No Astronaut for me ...
- The death and birth of a dream ...
- Stray dogs in the park ...

- **Why and how we should pray ...**

- John 16:24
- Philippians 4:6-7
- Matthew 6:5-15

- **Conditions for Answered Prayer**

- John 15:7 _____
- I John 5:14-15 _____

- **What prayers has God answered in your life? What prayers are you trusting God to answer in your life?**



- Small Group or Individual Time (followed by sharing of highlights): What do the following additional Bible passages teach us about prayer?
 - Matthew 7:7-11_____
 - Ephesians 3:20-21_____
 - Jeremiah 32:27_____
 - Jeremiah 33:3_____
 - James 4:3_____
 - Psalm 66:18_____
 - I Thessalonians 5:16-18_____
 - Hebrews 4:14-16_____
 - James 1:5_____
 - Romans 8:26-27_____

- Some Guidelines for Praying
 - ACTS
 - A: _____
 - C: _____
 - T: _____
 - S: _____
 - WAR
 - W: _____
 - A: _____
 - R: _____
 - The Lord's Prayer as a Guide (Matthew 6:9-13)
 - Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name (Praise)
 - Your Kingdom come, Your will be done (Submission)
 - Give us today our daily bread (Supplication)
 - Forgive us our debts as we also forgive ... (Confession)
 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us ... (Prayer for protection)

Memory Verse (Assurance of Answered Prayer):

“Until now, you have not asked for anything in My Name, Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”

John 16:24