

MARTIN LUTHER ON PRAYER

We must pray because Christ Himself bids us to pray and promises to hear us

Christ's words "In My Name" are the prime factor and foundation on which prayer is to stand and rest

Prayer is not optional, it is earnestly enjoined and an act of obedience

God commands us to pray-call on God in every need. It is not my choice to do or not to but *prayer* should and must be offered

We should know that God will not let our prayer be in vain, for if he did not intend to answer prayer he would not bid us to pray

Prayer is the work of Christians alone. Christian's prayer proceeds from the Spirit of Grace. God will neither hear nor heed the prayer of anybody unless he comes relying on His pure grace and mercy in Christ.

Praying is the work of Faith alone and something only a Christian can do.

Pray in a direct approach. Learn to pray in this way, unabashed and be sure not to doubt that for Christ's sake God will give you whatever is beneficial and good for you.

Our prayer must never be based or depend on our worthiness but on the Grace of Christ.

He who would pray should then turn his eyes not inward but outward and upward.

Though I am sinful and unworthy, still I have the Commandment of God, telling me to pray and His promise that he will graciously hear me, not on my account of worthiness but on account of the Lord Christ. In this way chase away doubts and cheerfully kneel down to pray.

The devil knows how powerful prayer is, therefore he hates it.

It is not necessary to lock yourself away to pray but it is a good idea to be alone to pray to God in a free and uninhibited way.

The devil tries to hinder prayer. Just when you feel you are most unprepared to pray then go to a place alone and pray.



The need for prayer has never been greater---AD1532

Prayer should be concise; long prayers are not necessary; the fewer the words, the better the prayer.

All teachers of Scripture conclude that the essence and nature of prayer are nothing else than the rising of the heart to the Soul of God.

Prayer is a difficult matter and hard work. Hard for the Christian, impossible for unbelievers.

It is therefore best to shed all shyness and quickly open the mouth and pray. Be positively obtrusive, unabashed, and endlessly persistent before God.

You cannot find a Christian without prayer, just as you cannot find a living man without a pulse.

Christians fight best on their knees.

All true prayers are answered. God answers all prayers in His way.

God often improves on our petition. True prayer is never in vain. Ask for much and please God. He is God, He wants the honor of giving far more abundantly and richly than anyone can comprehend, like an eternal unfailing fountain; the more it gushes forth and overflows, the more it continues to supply.

Pray for others, pray for Church and State, pray for conversion of sinners, pray for everyone; Friend and Foe.

God is not hostile to sinners but only to unbelievers, that is, to those who do not recognize and lament their sin and seek help against it from God.

When you call upon Jesus Christ you need not worry that the Father and Holy Spirit will be angry. No matter which person of the trinity you call on, you call upon all three persons and upon the One God at the same time.

I still find it necessary everyday to look for the time during which I must pray. And I am satisfied if, when I retire, I can recite the Ten Commandments, pray the Lords Prayer, and then add a bible verse or two. Meditating on these I fall asleep.

