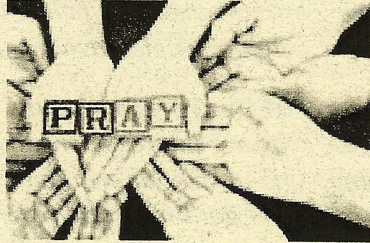


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Why I Pray

I pray because I believe God listens. *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."* (1 John 5:14)



I pray because God has told me that He cares and is able to help.

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7; see also Luke 12:6-7; Hebrews 4:16)

I pray because my Savior said I ought to pray. *"Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart."* (Luke 18:1)

I pray because I'm thankful for all the good things God has given. *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."* (Philippians 4:6; see also, Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

I pray because I need pardon. *"My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."* (1 John 2:1; see also Acts 8:22 & Psalm 51:1-9)

I pray because I adore and love my Father. *"In this manner, therefore, pray: 'Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'"* (Matthew 6:9) *continued on the next page...*

