

To help us pray more than we do, and better than we do, we need:

1. A greater sense of God's presence, [Psalm 139:7-12](#); [Acts 17:27](#) — we speak to those who are *present*.
2. A greater love for God, [Matthew 22:36-37](#); [1 John 5:3](#) — we want to talk to those we *love*.
3. A more diligent study of the Word of God, [Psalm 1:1-2](#) — the more we *listen* to God, the more we have to say to Him.
4. A greater faith in the efficacy of prayer, [Matthew 7:7-8](#); [James 5:16-17](#) — *faith* leads to prayer, and we must *pray* in faith, [James 1:5-6](#); [Mark 11:24](#).
5. A deeper sense of our own sins, weaknesses, limitations and needs, [James 5:13](#); [1 John 1:9](#); [James 4:2-3](#) — arrogant, self-sufficient, self-righteous, impenitent people are not praying people.
6. More gratitude for God's abundant blessings, [James 1:17](#); [Acts 17:24-25](#) — grateful people *give thanks*.
7. A greater awareness of our utter dependency upon God, [Acts 17:28](#); [Job 12:30](#) — this will lead us to be lowly, submissive, petitioning people.

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall fall on me,' even the night shall be light about me; indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You." ~ [Psalm 139:7-12](#)

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us" ~ [Acts 17:27](#)