

Why Pray

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Foundation of Prayer – “let them”

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Gen 1:26-27

Why should we pray?

1. Prayer deepens our relationship with God

“Our Father”

2. Prayer reflects our dependence on God

Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. Gen 25:21

3. Prayer causes heaven to invade earth

Forever, O LORD,
Your word is settled in heaven.

Ps 119:89

1. Pray with Boldness

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. Rom 8:29

2. Pray with Reverence and Respect

3. Pray with Humility and Sincerity

What happens when we pray?

Prayer Connection

Acts 10: 1-23