





Philippians 3: 13 (NKJV)

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,



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Prayer is people's communication or conversation with God.



Reasons for prayer:

- God commands His followers to pray.
- Prayer is necessary connection.
- God has made His followers also His co-workers.



There are not particular formula or things to say or do, but still several conditions that must be met for our prayers to be effective.



Requirements for effective praying:

- True and sincere faith that God hears our prayers.
- Prayer be made in Jesus' name.
- Pray in harmony with God's perfect will.
- Also living in God's will.
- Prayers to be persistent.



Philippians 4: 6 -7 (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



Luke 11: 9 -13 (NKJV)

⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.



¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?



¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"



First speak to God about your request before you speak to other people about your request.



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Philippians 3: 20 - 21 (NKJV)

²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.



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- c) The tribulation
- d) The great tribulation
- e) The antichrist
- f) Christ's glorious appearing from heaven to judge and to wage war
- g) The millennium
- h) The final judgement
- i) The New Heaven and New Earth



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1 Corinthians 13: 13 (NKJV)

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



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