

Draw Close to God in Prayer (Part 1)

Based on chapter 17 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on jw.org.

OBJECTIVE: Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



DOES GOD LISTEN TO ALL PRAYERS?

1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

Why might some people say yes?

Why might some people say no?

What do *you* believe?

Why do you believe that?

God listens to the prayers of those who sincerely seek him, regardless of the topic of their prayers.

(See chapter 17 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 1-4.)

Read Philippians 4:6, 7.

In addition to praying when we need something, why is it good to offer prayers of thanksgiving regularly?

Read James 4:8.

How does prayer help us to strengthen our friendship with Jehovah?



We appreciate friends who talk to us on any occasion—not just when they need something. Likewise, Jehovah is pleased when we pray to him regularly and on a variety of topics

God listens to the prayers of those who live and work in harmony with their requests.

(See chapter 17 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 5-8.)

Read Mark 11:24 and James 2:26.

Why is faith essential to being heard by God, and how do we demonstrate that we have faith?

Read Matthew 6:11 and 2 Thessalonians 3:10.

Give an example of how we can act in harmony with what we pray for.

Why do *you* appreciate the gift of prayer?

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EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

God listens to all prayers.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

That's a common viewpoint. But I believe the Bible teaches otherwise because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

Prayer is just a psychological crutch.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

Many people would probably agree with that statement, but I believe differently because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?
