

Wildwood Baptist Church

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“Let’s Go Retro: Prayer”

People **pray** when they realize they don’t have the power or authority to do something on their own.

Luke 11: 1-4

Prayer **connects** us with a holy, righteous, loving, all-knowing and all-powerful God.

Matthew 6: 7

God is always **ready** to listen.

Luke 11: 5-10

Prayer sometimes changes our **situation** and sometimes it changes **us**.

Our prayers should be **aligned** with God’s will for our lives.

1 John 5: 14

God’s **response** is always right and best for everyone.

Luke 11: 11-13



Answers to Prayer

Wrong request—God says “No”

Wrong time—God says “Slow”

When we are in the wrong—God says “Grow”

When everything’s right—God says “Go”

The Lord’s Model for Prayer:

- **Address** your Heavenly Father.
- **Acknowledge** His glory.
- **Affirm** your submission to His will.
- **Admit** your daily dependence on Him.

We should live in constant **awareness** of the Lord’s presence and a **desire** for Him to lead.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Romans 12: 12

“Prayer is the key to the AM (morning), and the bolt to the PM (evening).”

Matthew Henry

“We have placed too much hope in politics and social reforms, only to find out that we were being deprived of our most precious possession—our spiritual life.”

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

