



# WHY PRAY?

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What is the question behind the question when we ask does prayer make any difference?

# Matthew 26:38 46

Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”



# Matthew 26:38 46 cont.

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”





What do you believe the  
purpose of prayer is?

# Prayer makes a **DIFFERENCE...**



1. In my relationship with God
  - a) Increases faith (Mark 9:24)
  - b) Connects us to God (Heb. 4:16)
  - c) Allows us to experience God (Acts 4:31)

# Prayer makes a **DIFFERENCE...**

## 2. In my life

- a) Life transformation (eg. Paul)
- b) Builds character (Gal. 5:22-23)
- c) Making choices (James 1:5)



# Prayer makes a **DIFFERENCE...**

3. In others lives & the church

a) Brings people to Jesus

b) Healing

c) Unity (Acts 4:2)

d) Direction & Vision



## Matthew 7:7-12

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!



## Luke 11:13

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”





God loves to give  
good gifts to us

Prayer makes a  
**DIFFERENCE SO...**



**Come and Pray**