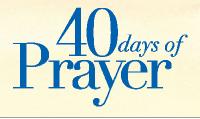


What words describes how you feel about prayer?

Frustrated Inept Awkward Unsatisfied Confused Amystery

I don't understand how it works I want it better I need help! Today we are going to go over the basics of things you need to know about prayer

Prayer 101



3 Facts About Prayer Praves of

Our Creator wired human beings for prayer **Everybody prays!** A universal urge... worldwide Every culture prays to something or someone" There is so much in our life we don't understand we need to believe there is somebody or something out there that has answers

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

We have a NEED to pray 40days of Prayer





We are not very good at prayer Its kind of like looking at yourself naked in the mirror We feel Inadequate I don't know what to say God doesn't want talking to him to feel so difficult!

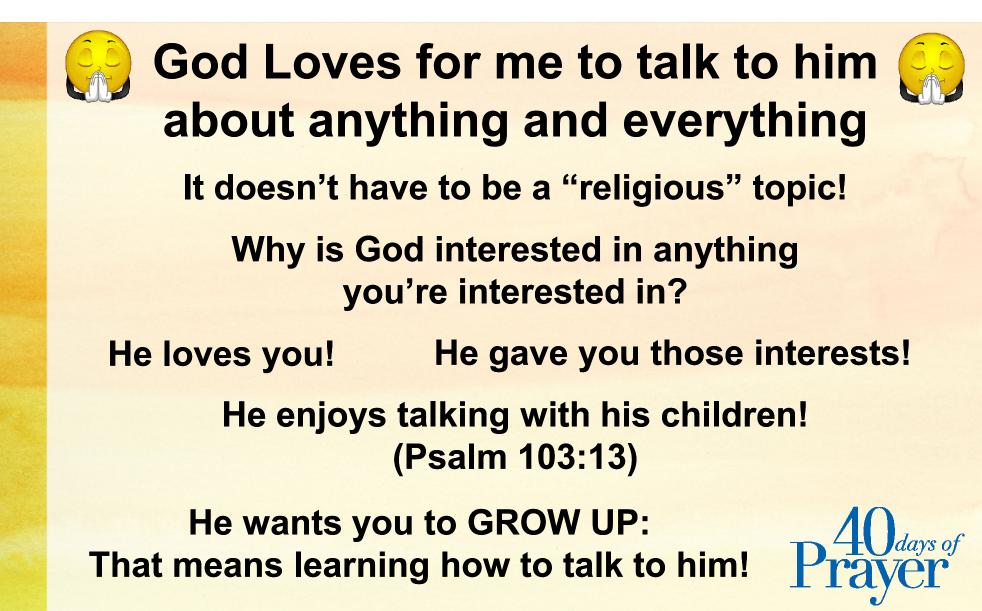
Our frustrations with prayer are caused by our misconceptions **Prayer is NOT a magic wand! Prayer is NOT a fire extinguisher! Prayer is NOT a tug of war with God! Prayer is NOT a ritual to relieve guilt!** Here is the thing, going by statistics in these four frustrations I just outlined covers about 90% of an average "Christian's" prayer life

Still wondering why prayer is not working for us?

It's because we are not really praying we are just playing! Prayer

4 Foundational Truths About Prayer





God Loves for me to talk to him about anything and everything Learning to pray is like learning any other language You listen & practice & get better... Words become sentences! There is nothing off-limits in talking to God. (1 John 5:14) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

God Loves for me to talk to him about anything and everything Prayer is a conversation, not a ceremony Prayer is talk & listen, not a monologue Prayer is relational not ritual If prayer is boring to you, you misunderstand the point of it It's a privilege not a duty It's should be enjoyed not endured

God Listens to Prayer that is Sincere and Simple



Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

It just has to come from your heart Authentic... Real... Honest God wants to hear about your day

God Likes to Show His Grace by Answering Prayer

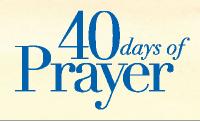


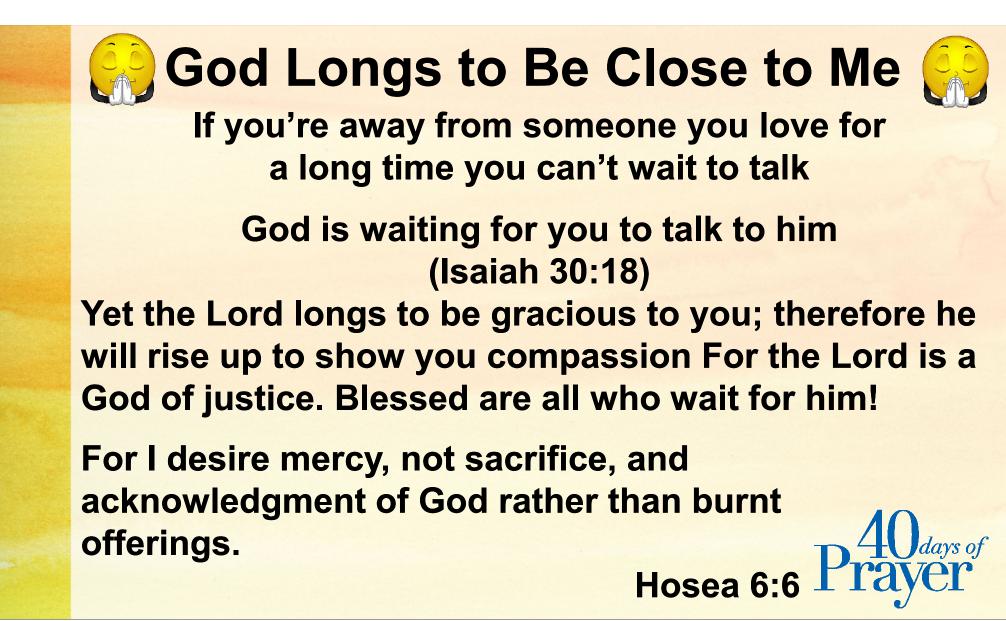
With every answer, God shows he is a good, good Father even when the answer is NO or NOT YET!

Jeremiah 33:3

Matthew 7:11

James 4:2





God Longs to Be Close to Me



I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

Desire it & Make time for it! (James 4:8) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded

God wants You but do You want Him? 4Udays of