

A photograph of a boat deck with a life preserver in the foreground. The text 'Prayer is talking to God.' is overlaid in a large, dark blue font with a white outline. The background shows the boat's structure and the water.

**Prayer is
talking to
God.**



WHY?

Do some get miracles & others don't?

**Do some sick people we pray for get well
and others die?**

**Do some get relief from pain
and others don't?**

**Does God sometimes say yes & other
times no?**

40 *days of*
Prayer

There are some obvious reasons why God doesn't answer every prayer with a YES

Some prayers conflict with other prayers and both cannot be answered at the same time

Some prayers would require God to take away someone's free will and choice

Praying for someone sick to stay alive will not always get a YES because we aren't meant to live on earth forever!

But many times.. the NO answer is unexplainable

40 *days of*
Prayer

**Reasons why God
might say no and
What to do when God says no**

40 *days of*
Prayer



NEVER use then with someone in pain because you don't know why God said 'no' to them!

NEVER presume to know why God did something unless he tells you

3 of the Many Reason God may say No!

40 days of
Prayer

God Says No because He has a Bigger Perspective

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account

Hebrews 4:13

40 *days of*
Prayer

God' Perspective Protects Us

For he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful
ones

Proverbs 2:8

God's Perspective Pushes Us

40 days of
Prayer

God Says No When He has a Better Plan

In his infinite wisdom, he has a BETTER IDEA!

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

40 *days of*
Prayer

God Says No when He has a Greater Purpose

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

40 *days of*
Prayer

Remember

Fact 1: There are some things we won't understand until heaven

Fact 2: There are some things that will never change until heaven

Fact 3: Sometimes your suffering is for the benefit of others

40 *days of*
Prayer

**What Should I do when
God say No?**

40 days of
Prayer

Trust that God Does Everything in Love

All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Psalm 25:10

40 *days of*
Prayer

Pray what Jesus prayed facing the cross

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Mark 14:35-36 *40 days of
Prayer*

Expect God to Give His Grace to Handle His Answer

**Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those
who seek you.**

Psalm 9:10

40 *days of*
Prayer

**If you don't trust God
when he says NO, it
means you really
don't know him.**

40 *days of*
Prayer