

40 DAYS OF PRAYER
A Beginner's Guide to Prayer
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OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PRAYER

1. We are _____ for prayer.
2. We are not very _____ at prayer.
3. We are frustrated with prayer because we have _____ about prayer.

TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

1. God _____ for me to talk to him.

God is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who reverence him.”
Psalm 103:13 (NLT)

“We can be confident in approaching God, knowing that he listens to us whenever we ask him for anything according to his will. And since we know that he hears us when we make our requests, then we can be sure that he will answer us.” 1 John 5:14-15

2. God listens to prayers that are _____ and _____.

“And when you pray, do not keep babbling on and on like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”
Matthew 6:7-8 (NIV)

Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith...” Hebrews 10:22 (TEV)

3. God likes to show his grace by _____ prayer.

“Call to me and I will answer you. I will show you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.” Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)

“If you, being imperfect and sinful parents know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him?” Matthew 7:11 (NLT)

“You do not have, because you do not ask God.” James 4:2 (NIV)

4. God longs to be _____ to me.

“The Lord waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion.” Isaiah 30:18 (NLT)

“I don't want your sacrifices – I want your love! I don't want your offerings, I want you to know me!”
Hosea 6:6 (LB)

“Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them He shares the secrets of his covenant.” Psalm 25:14 (NLT)

“Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.” James 4:8 (NLT)