

Communion & Offering



Bulking Up My Spiritual Life

Best Prayer Ever

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1 Thessalonians 5:17

“Pray continually”

Philippians 4:6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Why Pray???

Psalm 34

A psalm of David, regarding the time he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech, who sent him away.

¹ I will praise the Lord at all times.

I will constantly speak his praises.

² I will boast only in the Lord;

let all who are helpless take heart.

³ Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness;

let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.

He freed me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;

no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

⁶ In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
he saved me from all my troubles.

⁷ For the angel of the Lord is a guard;
he surrounds and defends all who fear him.

⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

⁹ Fear the Lord, you his godly people,
for those who fear him will have all they need.

¹⁰ Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry,
but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good
thing.

¹¹ Come, my children, and listen to me,
and I will teach you to fear the Lord.

¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and
the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in
spirit.

Takeaways from the best prayer ever

1. Verse 6 - The key to growing in prayer is to learn...I'm always desperate.

2. Verse 7 - For the angel of the Lord is a guard; He surrounds and defends all who fear him.

3. Verse 4 - I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.

4. Verse 7 - All Who fear Him; Verse 9 fear the Lord;
Verse 11 I will teach you to fear the Lord

1 Peter 2:17 “Fear God: honor the king.”

POINT: FEAR OF GOD PUTS EVERYTHING IN RIGHT PLACE

5. **Psalms 34** 17 The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

**I AM DESPERATE:
JESUS HELP**