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40 Days of Prayer - Part 2
God Calls Us To Pray

Luke 11:1(NIV) One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of the disciples said to him, "Lord, Teach us to pray..."

Prayer is not...

- **a magic wand**
- **a fire extinguisher**
- **a tug of war**
- **a ritual to relieve guilt**

Four Foundational Truths About Prayer

1. God loves for me to _____.

1 John 3:1 (NIV) See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are.

1 John 5:14-15 (NLT) And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

Prayer is: A _____ not a _____.
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2. God listens to _____ prayers.

Matthew 6:5-8 (NIV) And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling 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.

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

3. God demonstrates his goodness _____.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV) Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

(Message) ...marvelous and wondrous things...

Matthew 7:11 (GNT) You know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him?

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

4. God longs to _____.

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

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