

Specific Prayer

[Matthew 9:27-34](#)

If you want your prayers answered, you must be specific in your request. Be clear about what you are asking for. The need to be precise in your prayer requests is clearly illustrated in the story of the two blind men.

We are to be persistent in our prayers [v.31](#)

Persistent means working tirelessly to achieve a goal even if it seems to be difficult.

[1 Kings 18:42-45](#), [Luke 11:5-9](#); [18:1-8](#)

Jesus did not answer their prayer until they told Him specifically that they wanted to receive their sight. [Matthew 7:7-8](#)

Some days, prayer is a daunting task. How do you speak to the creator of the universe? Other days, prayer can seem meaningless or useless. If we're being honest, prayer can often be overlooked in our day-to-day living.

However, God calls us to "pray continually" [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)),

Be devoted to prayer [Colossians 4:2](#), [Ephesians 6:18](#).

Prayer shouldn't be ignored but needs to be part of our lives each and every day.

[Romans 12:12](#),

Clearly, prayer is important to God, which is why Jesus teaches us how to pray with the Lord's Prayer. [Luke 11:1-4](#), [Luke 5:16](#)

What does the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer?

1. Address God appropriately as the Father.
2. Praise God for who he is and what he has done.
3. Acknowledge that God's plan is in control, not ours.
4. Ask God for what we need.
5. Confess how we have sinned and repent with a humble heart.
6. Request God's protection and support in overcoming the evil one's attacks on our lives.

As he talks about prayer, Jesus also cautions against prayer that is done out of pride and put on display for all to see. [Matthew 6:5-6](#)

When you think about it, [praying specifically](#) is really pretty easy; but I wonder why so many don't often pray as specifically as they could?

I hope the following discussion will be of some help to you. Here are **four reasons** why it is better for our prayers to be specific rather than general:

1. [Specific prayers are more natural.](#)

It is normal and natural to ask God to give us exactly what we want and need. We don't go to a restaurant and say to the waitress, "Bring me some food."

After looking at the menu we would tell her exactly what we want, So, it should be with our prayers to God. It is the way God has designed us to pray and how He leads us to pray.

2. [Specific prayers should be honest and authentic](#). General prayers tend to gloss over personal needs. But when we aim to pray specifically, we will come to grips with our needs and the needs of others.

Likewise, the more we practice praying specifically the more God teaches us about it; that is, He teaches us that in order to pray correctly (specifically) we must search our heart and be willing to admit our needs and weaknesses, and to admit that we need His help. [Matthew 5:1](#)

3. [Specific prayers help us express our faith](#). General prayers are not prayers of faith, (thank you for another day is a general prayer because faith was absent and there is no definite thing in them to believe God for.

People who pray [general prayers](#) pray not because they expect God to do a certain thing for them. They pray perhaps to fulfill an obligation, or to help themselves gain some sense of fulfillment.

[Specific prayers](#), on the other hand, help us to express our faith in God, because we are asking Him to do a definite thing for us or to give us a certain thing; and we trust Him to bring it to pass based on a certain promise of His, or on His good character. [Matthew 21:22](#)

4. [Specific prayers are more effective](#). The human mind cannot keep its desired constantly upon many things at the same time. But when desire is focused on one need at a time prayer for each thing is more intense, fervent, faith filled, and therefore more effective. [James 5:6](#)

The English word *fervent* simply means “[impassioned, forceful, passionate, heartfelt, powerful, or wholehearted](#).” [Matthew 7:7–8](#)