

A Prayer Inventory

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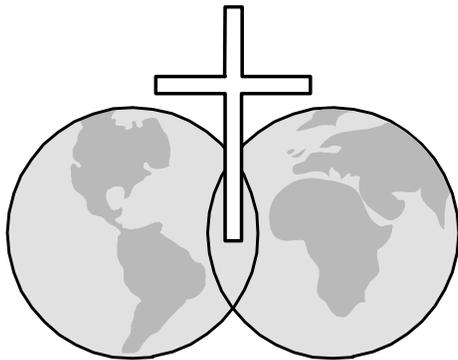
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Regardless of the way we pray, or how often we pray, God does not want our relationship with Him to stay the same. He desires us to come closer to Him and to grow in our love for Him, for others and for ourselves. It is therefore appropriate that from time to time we “take stock” of how we are communicating with God, and how our relationship is developing.

This pamphlet is intended to provide a resource for us to help us examine our prayer life and determine if there are some ways in which we can change and grow so that our relationship with God will grow more intimate.

Sections 1. through 4. provide questions that may prod us into thinking beyond what we now do, and Section 5. is intended to be used to record the overall results and to note a commitment to changes we wish to make.

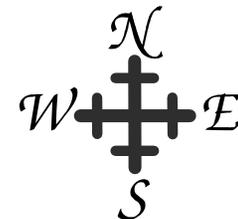


5. What have you learned from this inventory?

A. Having reviewed my answers, I would describe my present prayer life in the following words:

B. I would like my prayer life to be:

C As a result I commit myself to:



4. How do you incorporate prayer into your life?

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| A. Do you have a "Rule of Prayer"? | _____ | _____ |
| B. Do you have a method or methods of practising the "Presence of God"? | _____ | _____ |
| C. Are you in a Prayer Group? | _____ | _____ |
| D. Do you have a spiritual director or soul friend? | _____ | _____ |
| E. Do you regularly ask God's blessing at meals, even when you are eating in a restaurant? | _____ | _____ |
| F. Do you and your spouse pray together? | _____ | _____ |
| G. Do you pray with your children? Act as a spiritual director for them? | _____ | _____ |
| H. Do you have a prayer partner? | _____ | _____ |
| I. Do you keep a prayer journal or have a personal prayer book? | _____ | _____ |

1. What is the place of prayer in your life?

A. **Frequency. I usually pray:**

- _____ many times a day
- _____ at least every day
- _____ frequently, but not every day
- _____ when I am so moved
- _____ when I face a crisis or have a need
- _____ only when: _____

B. **Length. The average amount of time I spend in prayer is:**

- _____ 30 minutes or more a day
- _____ more than 15 minutes a day
- _____ more than 5 minutes a day
- _____ more than 30 minutes a week
- _____ more than 15 minutes a week
- _____ less than any of the above

C **Attitude. I could best describe my feelings about prayer by the words:**

- _____ necessary
- _____ satisfying
- _____ exciting
- _____ duty
- _____ joyous
- _____ difficult
- _____ confusing
- _____ mysterious
- _____ boring
- _____ adventure
- _____ ecstatic

2. What are the methods of prayer that you use?

A. **When do I pray?**

- when I first awaken in the morning
- fairly early in the morning
- during the day
- at night
- just before going to bed
- on Sundays
- at no regular time

B. **Where do I normally pray?:**

- in a special place at home or at work
- no particular place
- in my car
- wherever I am
- other: _____

C **How do I pray?**

(Feel free to check more than one).

- formal prayers from memory
- extemporaneous prayers
- contemplation
- conversational prayer with others
- singing
- meditation
- “arrow” prayers for urgent needs
- through worship in church
- by listening



3. What is your “theology” of prayer?

(Feel free to check more than one in each group.)

A. **The things I pray about are:**

- my own needs
- the needs of others
- my gratitude to God
- my worship (praise) of God
- my sins
- for guidance
- the world
- other: _____

B. **The reasons I pray are:**

- I find it useful
- to converse with God
- I enjoy praying
- other people do it
- God tells us to
- I find it fulfilling
- I don't know why

C **The results of my prayer are:**

- I feel close to God
- God gives me direction
- my spirit is renewed
- they are answered
- I am more sensitive to others
- uncertain
- mixed
- confusing
- other: _____