

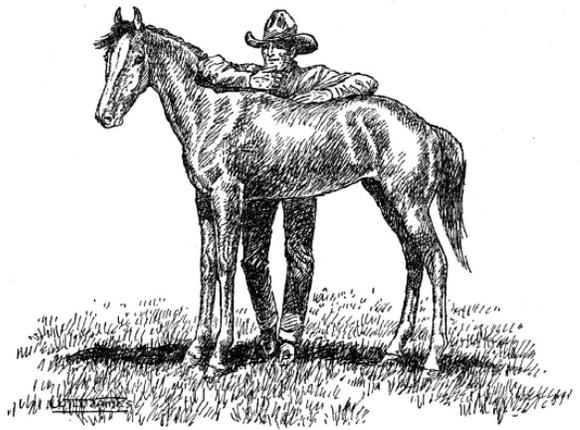
Western Theme Messages
Prayer Messages
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Who, What, When, Where, Why to Pray

The 5 W's of Prayer

Suggested Aid to Use:

† Buckaroo Prayer Journal



Who do you pray to?

Psalm 65:2 O, thou that hearest prayer.

People all over the world have different ideas about God. Some people do not believe that God even exists. Some people believe that many gods exist. Some people believe in a god that is very different from the God of the Bible.

Because I am a believer of the God of the Bible, some people will laugh at me; some will think I am uneducated; some will think that I am flat out wrong or mistaken. And even some, will want to kill me because I believe in the God of the Bible. This is "old" news; Jesus is the God of the Bible, the only begotten Son of God. God is a Trinity made up of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It is not a new thing that the world despises Him. Therefore, do not be surprised that the majority of the world does not accept that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God and the only way to heaven.

John 15:18

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

God says in His Holy Word that He hears prayer. Since He is the only One True God, He is the One that hears prayer. All other prayers are talking to the air.

Jeremiah 33:3

Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

There is no one else anywhere that answers prayer except God. He says call upon Him.

John 16:24

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

God promises to answer the prayers of His Kids. But not everyone is His Child.

Galatians 4:6

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son, into your hearts crying, Abba, Father.

When you are born again, that is saved, then you are an adopted child of God and you can talk to Him like He is your Dad.

Abba is an old term for Daddy. But you must be adopted into the family for family privileges.

What do you pray?

There are many things to pray about.

† The MOST important prayer of all makes you a child of God, that is born again, that is saved.

More detail on this prayer later in the lesson.

† Pray that you will not yield to temptation to do wrong things.

Mark 14:38

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

† Pray to KNOW the desires of God for you, and then you get the desires. The problem most Christians run into is that they decide on a thing or desire for something and then tell God they want it. This is not what the Bible instructs. The Bible says that God will give you the desires of your heart. That is, He will put the desires into your heart. You can't expect to tell God what is best for you ! He knows all.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

When do you pray?

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Be in an attitude of prayer always. God sees you all the time, in every place, in every situation. So why not enjoy the Lord's presence in your life ALL the time.

Even as a young child [I accepted Jesus as Saviour at age 8] I can remember talking to Jesus all through the day. I find myself in conversation with Him all day long. I don't often speak out loud because people would misunderstand my intentions when I am speaking to the Lord; but I often speak to Him in my heart. He is my Abba Father and I am His child, a child of the King of Kings. Enjoy that status if you are born again.

Where do you pray?

As I mentioned, I pray throughout the day, no matter where I am. However, when you need to get down to some serious business of listening to God and you need to talk to Him, there is nothing like a quiet place to get away from distractions like the radio, TV, other people, and general noise. Then you can focus in on your uninterrupted conversation with God. That's where this verse comes into focus:

Matthew 6:6

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Why do you pray?

To talk to God and to know He, the Creator of all things, is listening to me is the most awesome privilege offered to mankind once you are saved or born again. Prayer is my direct connection to the

Throne of Grace ! Time to pray? Absolutely the most important part of the day is the time I spend with Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalm 81:10 *I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

Psalm 65:2 *O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.*

Back to the Question: What do you pray?

Pray to become a Child of the King:

How to Know Heaven is your Home.....

The Bible, God's Word says, "For all have sinned..." Romans 3:23

Everyone does things that are wrong, such as disobedience to parents, cheating, lying. God knew that you would be a sinner before you were even born. Once you realize, that is, once you know that you are sinful, you are responsible to God for your sins. Heaven is a perfect place. If someone went to Heaven as a sinner, then Heaven would not be perfect any more. Therefore, an unforgiven sinner cannot go to Heaven.



The Bible, God's Word says,

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

The Bible says that our paycheck, that is, what we earn for sin, is death. This is the eternal death, the opposite of everlasting life with Jesus in Heaven. Eternal death is eternity in Hell. But you have a gift from God. He paid for your sins when He died on the cross, was buried, and came back to life on the third day. Just like any gift, you will have to take it and open it to make it yours. You have to accept this gift of eternal life in Heaven from Jesus Christ. He will not force you to take it.

The Bible, God's Word says,

"...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3



In order to accept the gift of eternal life, you must see a need to accept it. Jesus wants you to repent. To repent means to change or turn from your old ways. The only way you can change is to let Jesus change you.

The Bible, God's Word says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved." Romans 10:13

If you want to invite Jesus into your life, then you can pray and ask him. Here is a good way to ask Him:

"Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I am sorry for my sins. Please come into my heart and take away the sin. I know I can never be good enough to go to Heaven. So I am trusting you to take me when I die. I believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to pay for my sins. I know you are the only way to Heaven. Amen."