

## Your Questions Answered

### Why Should I Bother Praying?

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<sup>19</sup> God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? **Numbers 23:19, NIV**

#### What difference does prayer make?

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray...  
**James 5:13a, NIV**

<sup>15</sup> Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. **Psalms 50:15, NIV**

**Prayer isn't a way to get more \_\_\_\_\_ God. It's a way to get more \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up...  
**James 5:14-15a, NIV**

**When we pray, God teaches us to trust His \_\_\_\_\_ and use His \_\_\_\_\_, which He lovingly provides.**

...Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.  
**James 5:13b, NIV**

**God wants us to trust Him when life is \_\_\_\_\_ and thank Him when life is \_\_\_\_\_!**

If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **James 5:15b-16, NIV**

**When we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, we breathe \_\_\_\_\_ sin's poison and breathe \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' forgiveness.**

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*  
**James 5:16b-18, NIV**

**Our prayers are \_\_\_\_\_, because the One to whom we pray is powerful.**

- **He answers our prayers according to His \_\_\_\_\_ will. (Yes, No, Wait)**

<sup>42</sup> But Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. <sup>43</sup> "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." <sup>44</sup> The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.' <sup>45</sup> Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. **1 Kings 18:42b-45, NIV**

- **Pray \_\_\_\_\_ expecting God's \_\_\_\_\_ answer!**

## MEMORY VERSE

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**James 5:16b, NIV**

**My next step:** I will trust that my prayers make a difference as I pray persistently to my powerful God and trust His good answers.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.