

Chapter 11
The Privilege of Prayer

How to use this study guide: Please read and number each paragraph (¶) in each chapter in your booklet **STEPS TO CHRIST** for easy reference.

¶ 1. *How does God speak to us?*

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

What is communion with God?

¶ 2. *What is prayer? - what does it do? - and why is it a privilege?*

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

¶ 3. *How did Jesus teach His disciples to pray?*

¶ 4. *What was Jesus' prayer-life like?*

What did Jesus find in communing with His Father?

Why should we feel the necessity of fervent , constant prayer?

¶ 5. *What does Our Heavenly Father wait to bestow upon us?*

What is our privilege?

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Why is there so much manifest reluctance on our part to make known our wants to God?

What can the angels of heaven think of poor helpless human beings when these pray so little and have so little faith?

What is the angels highest joy?

Why do the children of earth, who need so much help, seem satisfied to walk without the light of His Spirit, and the companionship of His presence?

¶ 6. *Why is it dangerous to neglect prayer?*

"Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence?"

What are the dangers of neglecting prayer and not watching diligently?

¶ 7. *What are the conditions upon which we may expect that God will hear and answer our prayers? (Isa.44:3)*

¶ 8. *What will plead most eloquently in our behalf?*

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What do we need to do? (Matt. 7:7)

What is God's glorious promise? (Rom. 8:32)

¶ 9. *What is the prayer that God will not hear?*

When will our prayer be acceptable to God?

When may we believe that God will answer our petitions?

What will commend us to the favor of God?

A.

B.

C.

¶ 10. *What is another element of prevailing prayer? (Heb. 11:6 and Mark 11:24)*

"Do we take Him at His word?"

Is the assurance broad and unlimited?

¶ 11. *Is God faithful?*

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What should we do when we do not receive the very things we asked for, at the time we ask?

Do we sometimes ask for things that would not be a blessing to us?

How will Our Father in Heaven answer our prayers?

What should we do when our prayers seem not to be answered?

What is a presumptuous prayer?

Will God withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly?

What should you do even though you do not see an immediate answer to your prayers?

A.

B.

¶ 12. *What will happen if we take counsel with our doubts and fears?*

How will God answer if we come to Him feeling helpless and dependent?

How are we brought into connection with the mind of the Infinite?

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What are we to believe when we don't "feel" that Our Redeemer is hearing our prayer?

- ¶ 13. *What kind of spirit should we have when we come to ask God for mercy and a blessing? (Mat. 6:12)*

"How can we pray, 'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors', and yet indulge an unforgiving Spirit?"

To what extent are we to forgive others?

- ¶ 14. *What is another condition for receiving an answer to our prayers? (Rom. 12:12 ; Col. 4:2 ; 1 Pet. 4:7 ; Phil. 4:6 ; Jude 20, 21)*

What is unceasing prayer?

What is the effect of unceasing prayer?

- ¶ 15. *Is there a necessity for diligence in prayer?*

A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____
F. _____
G. _____

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¶ 16. *What is the life of the soul?*

- A. _____
- B. _____

Can the soul flourish while prayer is neglected?

Why are family and public prayers alone, not sufficient?

How are we to hold our secret prayers?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

¶ 17. *How can we walk with God? - as Enoch walked in days of old?*

What are the effects of silent prayer?

- A. _____
- B. _____

¶ 18. *When and where is it appropriate to pray?*

How can we hold communion with God?

- A. _____
- B. _____

¶ 19. *How can we live in the pure air of heaven?*

¶ 20. *What do we need?*

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What is to fill the hearts of God's children?

What should we seek for?

¶ 21. *What should we do to breathe the heavenly atmosphere?*

What will then be our response in every unexpected trial?

¶ 22. *How are we to pour out our hearts to God?*

What is God's response to the wants of His children? (Jas. 5:11)

What else should we take to God in prayer?

*Is Our Heavenly Father interested in our prayers and what will His response be?
(Ps. 147:3)*

How is the relation between God and each soul?

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¶ 23. *What did Jesus counsel us to do? - (John 16:26, 27 ; 15:16)*

What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

¶ 24. *Does God mean that we should become hermits or monks?*

What should our life be like?

A. _____

B. _____

What happens to the one who does nothing but pray?

What happens when men take themselves out of social life, away from Christian duty and cross bearing?

¶ 25. *What happens when we neglect the privilege of associating together?*

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

What happens to the one who shuts himself up to himself?

¶ 26. *Of what should the conversation be when Christians associate together?*

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What may we be daily learning?

- A. _____
- B. _____

What would then be our response?

- A. _____

How can we have more of Jesus' presence?

- ¶ 27. *What would happen if we thought of God as often as we have evidence of His care for us?*

Why do we talk of our friends?

Do we have an infinitely greater reason to love God?

Were the rich gifts that He has bestowed upon us intended to absorb our thoughts and love so much that we should have none left to give to God?

What are we counseled to do when we dwell too near the lowlands of the earth? - and what is God's promise? (Heb. 7:25)

- ¶ 28. *Why do we need to praise God more? (Ps. 107:8)*

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What should our devotional exercises consist of?

Why are we too sparing of giving thanks to God?

¶ 29. *What did the Lord bid ancient Israel to do? (Deut. 12:7)*

How should that which is done for the glory of God be done?

¶ 30. *Should the service for Our tender, merciful Heavenly Father be looked upon as a heart-saddening, distressing exercise?*

Shouldn't it be a pleasure to worship the Lord and to take part in His work?

What does God expect when His children worship Him?

What does the Lord desire?

¶ 31. *What should be the theme of contemplation, of conversation, and of our most joyful emotion?*

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What should we keep in our thoughts?

¶ 32. *How are we to worship God? (Ps. 50.23; Isa. 51:3)*
