

## **“The Prayer Priority: Why Prayer Is VITAL!”**

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### **Is Prayer My Priority?**

- Do I feel that I know how to pray?
- Do I pray as much as I want to or feel that I should?
- Do I feel God answers me when I pray?
- Do I that I know God more intimately because of my time in prayer?
- The hardest part of prayer for me is...

Prayer: proseuchomai – toward + face or **face to face**

### **Ten Reasons Why Prayer Is VITAL!**

#### 10. Prayer is vital for **spiritual growth**

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6*

#### 9. Prayer is vital for **understanding**.

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5*

*“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”  
Jer. 33:3*

#### 8. Prayer is vital for **receiving help** from God.

*“Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.” Mt. 6:11-12*

#### 7. Prayer is vital for **healthy relationships**.

*“But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.” Matt. 5:44*

#### 6. Prayer is vital to bring **change in the world**.

*“Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray....Is anyone among you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him....the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well...the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us....He prayed earnestly and it did not rain. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain....” James 5:13-18*

#### 5. Prayer is vital living **stress and worry free**.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7*

4. Prayer is vital for obtaining the **fullness of joy**.

*“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” John. 16:24*

3. Prayer is vital to **resist temptation**.

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Heb. 4:15-16*

2. Prayer is vital to fulfill **God’s purpose** in your life.

*“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.” Ephesians 6:18-19*

1. Prayer is vital for **authentic relationship** with God.

*“I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth...No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.” Mt. 11:25-27*

*“Prayer is not an exercise; it is the life.” Oswald Chambers*

## Regional Prayer Centers

### Tuesday

Cupertino: 7:00-8:30pm Wendschlag gregw@alagonline.com

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ALAG: 6:30-8:00pm The Spot for Kids david@villagelittle.com

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### Thursday

Cupertino: 6:30–8:00pm Pungaru robert@alagonline.com

Friday

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