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# Quotes about Prayer

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The Lord's prayer contains the sum total of religion and morals.

- Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

O Lord! thou knowest how busy I must be this day: if I forget thee, do not thou forget me.

- Astley, Sir Jacob

To pray is to pay attention to something or someone other than oneself. Whenever a man so concentrates his attention -- on a landscape, a poem, a geometrical problem, an idol, or the True God -- that he completely forgets his own ego and desires, he is praying. The primary task of the schoolteacher is to teach children, in a secular context, the technique of prayer.

- Auden, W. H.

Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.

- Augustine, St.

Spiritual favors are not always to be looked for, and not always to be relied on.

- Barr, Amelia E.

The man who says his evening prayer is a captain posting his sentinels. He can sleep.

- Baudelaire, Charles

It is not well for a man to pray cream and live skim milk.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

The wish to pray is a prayer in itself. God can ask no more than that of us.

- Bernanos, Georges

So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

- Bible

But if it were I, I would appeal to God; I would lay my cause before Him. He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. &#91;Job 5:8-9&#93;

- Bible

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. &#91;I Thessalonians&#93;

- Bible

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, but I will instruct you in the good and right way. &#91;I Samuel 12:23&#93;

- Bible

If I regard wickedness in my heart the Lord will not hear. &#91;Psalms 66:18&#93;

- Bible

Pray. To ask the laws of the universe to be annulled on behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The object of most prayers is to wangle an advance on good intentions.

- Brault, Robert

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

- Brooks, Phillips

God answers sharp and sudden on some prayers and thrust the thing we have prayed for in our face, like a gauntlet with a gift in it.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

- Bunyan, John

Prayer is not a substitute for work, thinking, watching, suffering, or giving; prayer is a

support for all other efforts.

- Buttrick, George

The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as that of secreting glands. Its results can be measured in terms of increased physical buoyancy, greater intellectual vigor, moral stamina, and a deeper understanding of the realities underlying human relationships.

- Carrel, Dr. Alex

We know little of the things for which we pray.

- Chaucer, Geoffrey

A childish soul not inoculated with compulsory prayer is a soul open to any religious infection.

- Cockburn, Alexander

Prayer is translation. A man translates himself into a child asking for all there is in a language he has barely mastered.

- Cohen, Leonard

When a man has done all he can do, still there is a mighty, mysterious agency over which he needs influence to secure success. The one way he can reach it is by prayer.

- Conwell, Russel H.

I throw myself down in my chamber, and I call in, and invite God, and his Angels thither, and when they are there, I neglect God and his Angels, for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a door.

- Donne, John

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.

- Eckhart, Meister

To be sure, this requires effort and love, a careful cultivation of the spiritual life, and a watchful, honest, active oversight of all one's mental attitudes towards things and people. It is not to be learned by world-flight, running away from things, turning solitary and going apart from the world. Rather, one must learn an inner solitude, where or with whomsoever he may be. He must learn to penetrate things and find God there, to get a strong impression of God firmly fixed on his mind.

- Eckhart, Meister

Audible prayer can never do the works of spiritual understanding, which regenerates; but silent prayer, watchfulness, and devout obedience enable us to follow Jesus example. Long prayers, superstition, and creeds clip the strong pinions of love, and clothe religion in human forms. Whatever materializes worship hinders man's spiritual growth and keeps him from demonstrating his power over error.

- Eddy, Mary Baker

Heaven grant that the burden you carry may have as easy an exit as it had an entrance.

&#91;Prayer To A Pregnant Woman&#93;

- Erasmus, Desiderius

Most men pray for power, the strength to do things. Few people pray for love, the quality to be someone.

- Foster, Robert D.

Work as if you were to live a hundred years. Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Prayer is a confession of one's own unworthiness and weakness.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is not an old woman's idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Let everyone try and find that as a result of daily prayer he adds something new to his life, something with which nothing can be compared.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Old hands soil, it seems, whatever they caress, but they too have their beauty when they are joined in prayer. Young hands were made for caresses and the sheathing of love. It is a pity to make them join too soon.

- Gide, Andre

Just pray for a tough hide and a tender heart.

- Graham, Ruth

I have not placed reading before praying because I regard it more important, but because, in order to pray aright, we must understand what we are praying for.

- Grimke, Angelina

Your cravings as a human animal do not become a prayer just because it is God whom you ask to attend to them.

- Hammarskjold, Dag

Our nada who art in nada, nada be thy name thy kingdom nada thy will be nada in nada

as it is in nada. Give us this nada our daily nada and nada us our nada as we nada our nadas and nada us not into nada but deliver us from nada; pues nada. Hail nothing full of nothing, nothing is with thee.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

- Herbert, George

Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes.

- Hillesum, Etty

Prayer is the voice of faith.

- Horne, William Van

There are thoughts which are prayers. There are moments when, whatever the posture of the body, the soul is on its knees.

- Hugo, Victor

There is no greater distance than that between a man in prayer and God.

- Illich, Ivan

Prayer is a groan.

- Jerome, St.

Religion is in the heart, not in the knees.

- Jerrold, Douglas William

Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with him continually, and you will not sin and will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you.

- John of the Cross, St.

The men who have guided the destiny of the United States have found the strength for their tasks by going to their knees. This private unity of public men and their God is an enduring source of reassurance for the people of America.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

Your prayer must be for a sound mind in a sound body.

- Juvenal, (Decimus Junius Juvenalis)

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.

- Kierkegaard, Soren

Father in Heaven! When the thought of thee wakes in our hearts let it not awaken like a frightened bird that flies about in dismay, but like a child waking from its sleep with a

heavenly smile.

- Kierkegaard, Soren

Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.

- Kierkegaard, Soren

If this obstacle is from Thee, Lord, I accept it; but if it is from Satan, I refuse him and all his works in the name of Calvary.

- Kuhn, Isobel

The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament.

- Lawrence, Brother

A simple grateful thought turned heavenwards is the most perfect prayer.

- Lessing, Doris

A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most perfect prayer.

- Lessing, Gotthold

All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother. I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

- Lincoln, Abraham

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.

- Luther, Martin

It is good to pray for the repair of mistakes, but praying earlier would keep us from making so many. When puzzled, go to prayer and listen.

- Macaulay, J. C.

That prayer has great power which a person makes with all his might. It makes a sour heart sweet, a sad heart merry, a poor heart rich, a foolish heart wise, a timid heart brave, a sick heart well, a blind heart full of sight, a cold heart ardent. It draws down the great God into the little heart; it drives the hungry soul up into the fullness of God; it brings together two lovers, God and the soul, in a wondrous place where they speak much of love.

- Magheburg, Mechthild of

Don't put people down, unless it's on your prayer list.

- Michalski, Stan

Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world.

- Milton, John

There are few men who dare to publish to the world the prayers they make to Almighty God.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

The fates are not quite obdurate; they have a grim, sardonic way of granting them who supplicate the thing they wanted yesterday.

- Montgomery, Roselle Mercier

More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.

- Mother Teresa

Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers.

- O'Malley, Austin

When you pray for anyone you tend to modify your personal attitude toward him.

- Peale, Norman Vincent

We are all weak, finite, simple human beings, standing in the need of prayer. None need it so much as those who think they are strong, those who know it not, but are deluded by self-sufficiency.

- Phillips, Harold C.

Praying without ceasing is not ritualized, nor are there even words. It is a constant state of awareness of oneness with God.

- Pilgrim, Peace

One hour in the execution of justice is worth seventy years of prayer.

- Proverb

No one can pray well, but those who live well.

- Proverb

Short prayers reach heaven.

- Proverb

Ask God for what man can give, and you may get it.

- Proverb, English

When we take one step toward to God, he takes seven steps toward us.

- Proverb, Indian

Pray that you will never have to bear all that you are able to endure.

- Proverb, Jewish

Pray to God but continue to row to the shore.

- Proverb, Russian

Prayer and practice is good rhyme.

- Proverb, Scottish

Practice in life whatever you pray for and God will give it to you more abundantly.

- Pusey, Edward Bouverie

If you can't pray a door open, don't pry it open.

- Rader, Lyell

Indeed many things which we shall not be able to discover either by the experiment of works or by the investigations of reason we shall deserve to be taught by importunate prayer, by the revelation of divine inspiration.

- Richard of Saint Victor

Ask God's blessing on your work, but don't ask him to do it for you.

- Robson, Dame Flora

Prayer, among sane people, has never superseded practical efforts to secure the desired end.

- Santayana, George

It is from prayer that the spirit's victory springs.

- Schillerbuch

Prayer should be short, without giving God Almighty reasons why he should grant this, or that; he knows best what is good for us.

- Selden, John

Do not ask for what you will wish you had not got.

- Seneca

We often want one thing and pray for another, not telling the truth even to the gods.

- Seneca

Bow, stubborn knees!

- Shakespeare, William

Common people do not pray; they only beg.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us.

- Socrates

Prayer is talking with God and telling Him you love Him, conversing with God about all the

things that are important in life, both large and small, and being assured that He is listening.

- Strait, C. Neil

When you lie down with a short prayer, commit yourself into the hands of your Creator; and when you have done so, trust Him with yourself, as you must do when you are dying.

- Taylor, Jeremy

Whatsoever we beg of God, let us also work for it.

- Taylor, Jeremy

When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't.

- Temple, Sir William

Battering the gates of heaven with the storms of prayer.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.

- Teresa of Avila, St.

Why is it when we talk to God, we're praying, but when God talks to us, we're schizophrenic?

- Tomlin, Lily

If I told you what it takes to reach the highest high you'd laugh and say nothing that simple, but you've been told many times before messiah's point you to the door though no one's got the guts to leave the temple.

- Townsend, Peter

Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of omnipotence.

- Tupper, Martin

Under certain circumstances, profanity provides a relief denied even to prayer.

- Twain, Mark

More than once I had seen a noble who had gotten his enemy at a disadvantage stop to pray before cutting his throat.

- Twain, Mark

You can't pray a lie.

- Twain, Mark

Prayer is a passport to heaven. Your communication with God.

- Unknown, Source

Do not make prayer a monologue -- make it a conversation.

- Unknown, Source

Our thanks to God should always precede our requests.

- Unknown, Source

Pray for what you want, but work for what you need.

- Unknown, Source

Prayer moves the hand that moves the universe.

- Unknown, Source

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

- Unknown, Source

My prayer to God is a very short one: O Lord, make my enemies look ridiculous! God has granted it.

- Voltaire

I hate it when people pray on the screen. It's not because I hate praying, but whenever I see an actor fold his hands and look up in the spotlight, I'm lost. There's only one other thing in the movies I hate as much, and that's sex. You just can't get in bed or pray to God and convince me on the screen.

- Welles, Orson

We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking, only to learn that it is God who is shaking them.

- West, Charles C.

When the gods wish to punish us they answer our prayers.

- Wilde, Oscar

Prayer is less about changing the world than it is about changing ourselves.

- Wolpe, David J.





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