

I. We must make prayer our lifestyle

A. We must always pray

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances.” (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers.” (Ephesians 6:18)

B. We must never quit praying

II. We must remember who we are in Christ

A. We are children of God

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!” (I John 3:1)

B. We have access to our Father in heaven

“In him and through faith in him we can approach God with freedom and confidence.” (Ephesians 3:12)

C. We have an advocate in Jesus

“Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

D. We have the promises of God

“He has given us his very great and precious promises.” (2 Peter 1:4)

E. We can approach the throne of grace

“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.” (Hebrews 4:16)

III. We must remember the nature of God

A. God is full of love for us

B. God is aware of our needs

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.” (Matthew 6:31-32)

C. God is attentive to every prayer

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we asked anything according to his will, he hears us.” (I John 5:14)

D. God is able to answer prayer

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Luke 11:9)

E. God is willing to answer prayer

F. God is giving and generous

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

IV. We must keep trusting in God

A. We trust God to give us what we need

B. We trust God when answers are delayed

C. We trust God with a persevering faith