

Why Should I Pray When God Doesn't Answer All My Prayers?

Student's Name:

Directions:

1. You have two weeks to return your make-up assignment.
2. Please complete electronically and e-mail to a Confirmation Director.
3. You will need to watch the video from the week you missed the following class.
4. Feel free to discuss questions with a parent, teacher, or peer.

Watch the video: What phrase or idea stuck with you from the video?

Focus Passage: I Thessalonians 5:16-18 – (use Bible or Bible app)

1. Read I Thessalonians 5: 16-18. This passage says, "Pray continually." Do you think the Bible is telling us to bow our heads and pray for eternity? What else could it mean?
2. What does prayer look like?
3. What does it feel like if God is with you all the time?
4. Is praying easy? Hard? Comforting? Awkward?
5. Does God hear hypocrites when they pray?

Don't Speak Questions: (feel free to discuss these with a parent or a teacher)

1. Is it hard to be silent? Why?
2. How do you react when someone misunderstands something you say or do?
3. How do you communicate to people feelings of being lonely, upset, happy, or surprised?
4. How do you communicate those feelings with your friends, family, or God?
5. How do your friends or family or God communicate in return?
6. Is it easier to talk about your feelings with your friends, family, or God? Why?

Prayer Launcher

1. Here are five different ways we can pray: confess, tell, praise, thanks, and ask.
2. Which of these five ways to pray is easiest? Which is hardest?
3. What does it feel like when you pray? Awkward? Easy? Is it harder sometimes than it is at other times? How come?
4. Sometimes sports teams pray before a game. Does God choose sides based on the best prayer? What are some things we pray for that might be silly? Is it still okay to pray for them? Why or why not?

Wordless Prayer

1. How is the ability to communicate a gift?
2. What's the value of communicating with God? Is prayer just about getting God to give us what we want?
3. Have you experienced an unexpected answer to prayer? Has God answered your prayer with a different response than what you asked for?

Main Point: We talk to God through prayer. Through prayer, God can change us for the better.