

Praying to God

God is a friend who is always near, ever dear. Prayer is a way to share our hearts with Him, and be with Him in a bubble of mutual love.

Accept the nearness of God. God is here, not far away. But how can you feel close to God if you think He's not here? Has a friend ever told you, "I have no one to talk to. Nobody listens to me!" You felt, "Wait! I'm here listening to you right now! Don't you see?" Likewise, if we deny God's immediate Presence, how can we receive the love, blessings, and guidance He wants to give us? Know how close together you are with God, and you will experience it more and more.

Being intimate with the Infinite. As with any relationship, what you bring to it makes the biggest difference. If your prayer is loving and intimate, you'll feel closer to God—and your relationship with Him will bloom. But if your prayer is angry, toxic, or otherwise low on love, you will feel distant. And God cannot change that, because it's your choice. He would not disrespect you by magically, forcibly making you closer than you allow.

Depend on God rightly. God loves you, and wants to listen to the needs and desires, sorrows and joys of your heart. He wants to help you. It's right to depend on God as your refuge and strength—but endless requests do not make a good relationship with God. Your relationship needs more than that.

God can help you a lot *IF* you help yourself. You see, God can't make up for it if we fail to take good care of ourselves, our relationships, our lives. So don't ask Him for things *instead of* taking constructive steps and making good use of what you've been given. Use your God-given intelligence and ability. Work *with* God by applying your Godly heart and mind to all things, while asking for His marvelous steering. Apply your heart, your mind, your sensitivity, your effort and care to life; then things will work well for you. And God will guide you and help you.

As you know, prayer is not merely words, it can be SO MUCH more: an intimate conversation, communion—a life with God, to enjoy and share. So, come boldly and honestly to God, share your heart with Him, and love Him—and He WILL respond.

PLEASE PRAY WITH ME

AND STAY WITH ME

Staying with God

IT'S GOOD TO CONSIDER GOD
IN OUR RELATIONSHIP
TO GOD

God is happy when we pray, but He'd like it even more if we'd STAY—stay CLOSE to Him in our hearts. Just as you'd want a good friend to stay close with you.

A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
TO GOD BENEFITS
ONE & ALL

For God

IMAGINE: A man has a girlfriend, but when he's not with her, he forgets her. He doesn't call her, or miss her, or reach to her in his heart. Too much forgetting, too little remembering! How can she feel he wants her, needs her, cares about her? The relationship is weak.

Likewise, a person meets God occasionally in prayer, but then forgets God until the next formal meeting. That relationship, too, is unsatisfactory. You can almost hear God say, "I love you, and I'm glad you're praying, but how about staying?"

For good

To be our best and do our best, we absolutely need closeness with God. It gives us the well-being we need for clear thinking, strength, endurance, understanding. It greatly improves our sensitivity to Divine guidance. Consequently, everything we do is much more fruitful, beneficial, effective.

For you

When you stay with God, your heart is full. The wind of God blows through your soul. You can feel it, and it moves you. You feel secure, strong, and confident that you can address life wisely and effectively. You feel you have a place in the universe. Now consider the alternative . . .

When you forget your natural love for God and drop your connection with God, you feel lost, empty, confused. Like a small child without its parents, not knowing where it is, or why it's here, or where to go; not knowing how to take care of itself truly. You think about things, but don't trust your thoughts. *You see, we cripple our intuition and Divine sensitivity when we douse the flame of loving connection with God.*

For one and all

The closer you stay to God, the more helpful you can be: the more you'll have to give, and the more He can give through you. For the benefit of one and all.

PLEASE TALK WITH ME

AND WALK WITH ME