

# Draw Close to God in Prayer (Part 2)

Based on chapter 17 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on [jw.org](http://jw.org).

**OBJECTIVE:** Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



## HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

What might other people say?

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What do *you* believe?

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Why do you believe that?

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**We should pray to Jehovah God through his Son, Jesus Christ, about anything that is in harmony with God's will.**

(See chapter 17 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 9-12.)

**Read Matthew 6:9 and John 14:6.**

How do these verses indicate that we should pray only to Jehovah and that we should do so through Jesus?

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**Read 1 John 5:14.**

What are examples of things we can "ask according to [God's] will"? (Clue: See Matthew 6:9-13; Colossians 4:12; James 1:5.)

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**Unlike many important people, Jehovah doesn't require us to have an appointment to speak with him. We can pray to him at any time**

## We should pray continually and sincerely.

(See chapter 17 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 13-15.)

### Read Matthew 26:41 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

How do these verses indicate that Jehovah puts no limit on how long or how often we can talk to him in prayer?

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### Read 1 Chronicles 16:36 and 1 Corinthians 14:16.

What is an appropriate thing to say at the end of each prayer?

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What are some things *you* can pray about this week?

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## EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**It's OK to pray to Jesus and to saints.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**Many religious leaders teach that. But I believe differently because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**It's wrong to pray for your personal needs.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**Some sincerely feel that way. But I believe the Bible teaches otherwise because...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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