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Dean Bible Ministries www.deanbibleministries.org Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr. 1 Peter 2:5, "you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Definition

Prayer is that grace provision of the royal priesthood whereby the Church Age believer has access and privilege to communicate directly with God; the purpose of this communication is to acknowledge our sin, express adoration and praise to God, give thanks, intercede for others, and convey our personal needs, petitions, and conduct intimate conversations with God.

• The Priority of Prayer

- The Pre-requisites for Prayer
- The Procedures for Prayer
- The Principles for Prayer
- The Promises for Prayer

Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Mark 1:35, "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed." Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

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1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing,"

Isaiah 1:15, "When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, <u>I will not</u> <u>hear</u>. Your hands are full of blood." Jeremiah 11:14, "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for <u>I will not hear</u> *them* in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble."

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Prov. 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but the prayer of the upright is His delight." Prov. 15:29, "The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous."

Prov. 28:9, "He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination." 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prayer approach for the royal priesthood.

Matthew 6:9, "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." Ephesians 3:14, "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 1:17, "And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;" John 14:13, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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Ephesians 6:18, "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,"