

Let Us Look Within Ourselves When Praying

Isaiah 1:15- And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. (KJV)

When we turn to the Lord God in prayer let us examine ourselves carefully.

Our motives and content of our prayers are to be consistent with God's teachings.

Humility, purity and innocence have a place in our heart, mind and soul.

Love for God and willingness to accept God's will are integral to the act of prayer.

Being grateful to God and appreciative of the opportunity to pray shapes prayer.

Self-examination facilitates repentance and appreciation of the Lord's mercy.

Living in ways pleasing to the Lord make it easier to come to the Lord in prayer.

Jeremiah 7:16- Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

(KJV)

God knows the life and contents of the heart, mind and soul of the person praying.

The secret inner chambers of the heart, mind and soul are well-known to the Lord.

A person's character and daily personal relationships are in full view of the Lord.

The person's daily manner of living establishes a factual record before the Lord.

The Lord determines the responses to prayers being set forth from the person.

The Lord God's final response to prayers are for the person's ultimate benefit..

Behaviors that are contrary to the Lord's teachings require prayerful corrections.

Daniel 9:3- And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:(KJV)

God knows what is good and beneficial for each person and decides accordingly.

Believers do well to discern the will of God and embrace God's response to prayer.

God's mercy, love and goodness abound when prayer is guided by purity of heart.

Praying to the Lord is beneficial throughout life and in all of life's circumstances.

Prayerfully being grateful to the Lord everyday will influence personal demeanor.

God becomes better known to each person through serious and consistent prayer.

The Lord God is always available to listen to prayers during the day and night.

Jonah 2:7- When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. (KJV)

God's Holy Church offers beneficial teachings on prayer for attentive believers.

Prayer develops in the believer growing in Jesus Christ with the passing of time.

Attentive believers will learn directly from Jesus Christ the practice of prayer.

Mentioning Jesus' Name in prayer throughout the day benefits the heart and soul.

Keeping the mind focused on Christ during the time of prayer requires discipline.

The believer does well to shield the self from distractions when engaged in prayer.

Serious prayer enables the believer to remain on the path to God's Kingdom.

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