The Perception Understanding of God
“Those who sing pray twice”.
Change My Heart

Change my heart oh God Make it ever true Change my heart oh God May I be like You You are the potter I am the clay Mold me and make me This is what I pray

Based upon Isaiah 64:8
PRAYER

One thing you KNOW
SHARE and PRAY
We, too, must have times set apart for meditation and prayer and for receiving spiritual refreshing. We do not value the power and efficacy of prayer as we should. Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish.

My Life Today, 509
“I’m certain of two things: prayerless lives are powerless lives, and prayerful lives are powerful lives.”
God is looking for individuals, men and women, who will “stand in the gap,” and will get to know Him—women who will intercede. History belongs to the intercessors.

He’s looking for you!
Why pray, if God already knows about me and my needs?

FAITH
HOPE
DEPENDENCE
What about faith? Don’t some people just naturally have more faith than others?
Prayer is a Practical Experience.

“When we work, we work, but when we pray, God Works!”
How Your Church can Grow Strong in Prayer

1. A powerful church has leaders who make prayer a priority.

2. Prayer, Bible study, and ministry should always be linked together. Small groups

3. Make times, ways, and places for people to pray together. TOGETHER - strong

4. Encourage personal and family devotions. (impact the world for God)
In the Local Church

• Pastor and leaders
• Prayerwalking - community and compassion
• The Prayer Room - in the church
• The 10/40 Window - more than 60 countries.

How?
1 in 393 WORLDWIDE Is a Seventh-Day Adventist.
“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”
Matthew 9:37, 38
The Prayer Coordinator

• A prayer coordinator was appointed to lead out in the prayer Ministries in the church and the community.
Is there a need to fast?

- It is the only spiritual discipline that meets all the conditions of 2 Chronicles 7:14 (If my people)
- It is the scriptural way to humble ourselves before God (Psalm 35:13)
- It provides time to pray and repent (1 Samuel 7:6)
- **It helps us to have clearness of thought and the ability to concentrate on the Word of God** (Jeremiah 36:6)
- It transforms prayer into a richer, deeper, more personal experience (Ezra 8:23)
- Fasting can help to bring revival, and is vitally important when praying for evangelism (Acts 13:3)
How You Can Grow Strong in Prayer

• Make Time for Prayer -----HABIT
• Find a Quiet Place for Prayer and Bible Study.
• Recognize God for Who He is.
• Confess Your Failures.
• Thank God for what He has Done.
• Bring God Your Needs and Petitions.
• Don’t Give Up.
• Meditate in God’s Presence.
• Sing a New Song.
If you can put something in a pattern you don’t have to remember

Your brain is always looking for places to put a habit memory

If you can put something in a habit memory you do not have to remember
How You Can Grow Strong in Prayer

• Pray Much for Others
• Pray for Ministry and Evangelism
• Focus Your Prayers - Intercessory
• Plan Your Prayer Time
• Learn to Fast and Pray
• Find a Prayer Partner
Communion of God must be our first priority and our highest joy.
“The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice them to sin; and it is all because they do not make use of the privileges that God has given them in the divine appointment of prayer. Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?” STC 95
Conditions upon which we may expect that God will hear and answer our prayers
1. Need of help from Him

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty…

Isaiah 44:3
2. The Heart Must be Open to the Spirit Influence

“Ask, and shall be given to you.”
Matt 7:7
3. Faith

“When our prayers seem not to be answered, we are to cling to the promise; for the time of answering will surely come, and we shall receive the blessing we need most.” STC, 93
4. Perseverance

“Unceasing prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and life, purity and holiness flow back to God.” STC, 94
5. Diligence

“Make every effort to keep open the communion between Jesus and you.”

STC, 94
1. Be Real

I cry out to the Lord with my voice...I pour out my complaint before Him, I declare before Him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me…”

Psalm 142: 1,2
“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds” Psalm 77:11-12
2. Be Radical

Be willing to go against the flow. To say NO. To judge yourself through God’s standards, not society’s or the membership. God tells us that the most important thing we can do is to love God and abide in a relationship with Him (John 15). By doing this we will be able to survive in this world.
3. Keep Life Simple

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace
4. Be Firm (Priorities, Pray, Pray, not an inch)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matt. 6:33 KJV
5. Be Focused

“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” John 4:34
PRAISE MODEL

- **P- PRAISE** the Lord. Tell Him how great He is!
- **R- REPENTANCE**. Confess and seek forgiveness
- **A- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**. Submit to the Lord and acknowledge his authority in your life.
- **I- INTERCESSION**. Pray for others.
- **S- SUPPLICATION** for SELF. Pray for yourself.
- **E- EQUIPPING**. Ask the Lord to give you the tools you need to get through the day.
The Song of The Lark
Chicago National Gallery

The painting, by 19th-century French realist painter Jules Breton, depicts a young peasant woman working in a field at sunrise.’

“Well there's a girl who doesn't have a whole lot of prospects, but the sun's coming up anyway and she's got another chance at it.' So I think that gave me some sort of feeling that I too am a person and I get another chance everyday the sun comes up.”

Mercies of the Lord every morning...
PRAYER

One thing you LEARNED
SHARE and PRAY
Seven Prayers
That Will Change Your Life Forever

Seven Prayers
That will change your life forever
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus

Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world,
But give me Jesus
The Real Secret

Some have said that the real key to prayer—to knowing God and getting His answers—is learned from Christ in Mark 11:24.

“What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

If you don’t really, really “desire,” you probably will never get an answer to that prayer. Earnest prayers of faith for yourself or for others are meaningful.
“Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears, before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. . . . Take to Him everything that perplexes the mind. Nothing is too great for Him to bear, for He holds up worlds, He rules over all the affairs of the universe.
Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for Him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for Him to read; there is no perplexity too difficult for Him to unravel. No calamity can befall the least of His children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which He takes no immediate interest. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" (Ps. 147:3).