



How Can I Hear God In Prayer?

1. Treat Prayer As A Dialogue

"Come to me with your **ears wide open**. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake" (Isa 55:3)

"**Listen to me**, O my people...if you would only listen!... "But no, my people wouldn't listen...But oh, that my people would listen to me!" (Psalm 81:8-13)

2. Create Time and Space To Listen

"**Be still**, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

"Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your high God" (Msg)

"Jesus **often withdrew** to the wilderness for prayer" (Luke 5:16)

3. Maintain A Teachable Heart

"He **leads the humble** in doing right, teaching them his way." (Psalm 25:9)

"If I had not **confessed the sin** in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." (Psalm 66:18)

USE MULTIPLE WAYS OF HEARING GOD IN PRAYER

1. Prayer of Daily Orientation

(Jacob) "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it." (Gen 28:16)

"those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their **minds set on what the Spirit desires.**" (Romans 8:5)

Ask God To Speak; Commit To Listen and Obey

"I **listen carefully** to what God the LORD is saying" (Psalm 85:8)

"Samuel replied (to God), "Speak, **your servant is listening.**" (1 Samuel 3:10)

Focus On A Verse or Phrase & Repeat It During The Day

"The Lord is my shepherd" "Praise the Lord O my soul" "Lord have mercy"

2. Prayer of Scriptural Meditation

"The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul...May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD" (Psalm 119:7,14)

Read, Reflect, Recite, Rewrite, and Restate

God's Words Back To God

3. Prayer Of Directed Evaluation

"Seek (God's) will in all you do, and **he will direct** your paths." (Proverbs 3:5)

"I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with **my mind.**" (1 Corinthians 14:15 NIV)

Think the issue through asking God to guide my thoughts

4. Prayer of Reflective Contemplation

Contemplate The Lord To Enter His Presence

"O God...I have **seen you** in your sanctuary and **gazed upon** your power and glory. I will honor you...lifting up my hands to you **in prayer**... I lie awake **thinking of you, meditating on you**" (Psalm 63:2-7)

Use Scripture

"the Almighty will shield you with his wings. He will shelter you with his feathers" (Psa 91:4)

"Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!" (Psalm 90:1)

"(God) rides across the heavens to help you...in majestic splendor...his everlasting arms are under you" (Deuteronomy 33:26,27)

Use Nature

"The heavens **tell** of the glory of God. The skies **display** his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day **they continue to speak**; night after night they **make him known.**" (Psalm 119:1,2)

Use Music

"Sing psalms & hymns & spiritual songs to God" (Colossians 3:16)

Listen for Promptings of The Holy Spirit

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13)

"For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets... And we have received God's Spirit...so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us." (1 Corinthians 2:10,12)

5. Prayer of Sustained Attention

"keep on praying." (Romans 12:12) "pray at all times"

"Never stop praying." (1 Thess. 5:17) "Pray continually; pray without ceasing"