Praying from the Bible

The Bible records many prayers and is full of teaching on prayer.

The Bible's biggest book, The Book of Psalms contains the prayers of Israel, the prayers Jesus prayed and the prayers of the Church. There is no situation or emotion a human being can experience that is not reflected somewhere in the Psalms.

Choose a psalm or passage below to read, pray, reflect on and even memorise. Ask God to speak to you through the words and base your own prayers on what you read.

PRAYER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

- Genesis 3:8-13; 18:16-33; 32:22-31
- Exodus 17:8-13
- 2 Chronicles 6:12-7:3; 20:1-30
- Psalm 51:1-17
- Nehemiah 1:4-11; 4:4-9
- Daniel 9:1-14
- Habakkuk 1-3

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

ABOUT JESUS PRAYING:

- Matthew 19:13; 27:50
- Mark 1:35; 6:41; 6:46; 7:34; 8:6;
- Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 9:29, 11:1, 22:17-19, 22:32, 24:30, 24:50
- Hebrews 5:7

RECORDED PRAYERS OF JESUS:

- Matthew 26:39, 27:46
- Luke 10:21, 23:34, 23:46
- John 11:41-42, 12:27-28, 17:1-26

JESUS THE INTERCESSOR:

- Isaiah 53:12
- John 14:16
- Romans 8:34
- Hebrews 7:25

JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT PRAYER:

- Matthew 6:5-13 (see <u>Luke 11:2-4</u>), 7:7-11, 9:37-38, 18:19-20, 21:21-22
- Mark 9:26-29, 11:17, 11:25
- Luke 6:28, 11:5-13, 18:9-14
- John 15:7, 16:23-24

THE APOSTLE PAUL:

- Romans 1:9-10, 10:1
- 1 Corinthians 1:4
- Ephesians 1:16, 3:14
- Philippians 1:3-4, 1:7-8
- Colossians 1:3, 1:9
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3:9-10
- <u>2 Thessalonians 1:3</u>, <u>1:11</u>
- 2 Timothy 1:3
- Philemon 4

A prayer for blessing – 1 Chronicles 4:10

A prayer for protection – Psalm 91

A prayer for worship - Psalm 8

A prayer for repentance – Psalm 139:23-34