

## QUESTION: What makes a believer's prayer different from an unbeliever or the world's prayer?

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We know as believers we are given a mandate to pray (have communion/communication with God). When we pray, it is communication with God that builds relationship. Ultimately, we want to not just be believers but followers. We don't just pray; we move into worship because of our relationship which is built up through communion with God.

Men ought always to pray, and not faint.

Some people believe, in general, in a higher power, or someone or something outside of the human race, having power and control. When in crisis people seek relief and answers hoping for a positive outcome, maybe a hope and a prayer.

People are praying for relief, perhaps to understand what is happening, not to know God. But when their desperation turns to humility, wanting to know just who He is, seeking help not just rescue, then people can become seekers. Look at what happened in the book of Jonah. They were not followers, but they believed in the voice of the prophet, and humbled themselves and took a chance that maybe God would be merciful to them.

In our lesson, prayer was not selfish. She wanted a son but also wanted her blessing to be God's blessing to his people.

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### **This is for believers**

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

[1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | KJV](#)

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 4:6-7 | KJV |](#)

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to **his will**, he heareth us.

[1 John 5:14 | KJV |](#)

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

[Mark 11:24 | KJV |](#)

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

[Jeremiah 29:12](#) | [KJV](#) |

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

[Romans 12:12](#) | [KJV](#)

### **This is for everyone**

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him **in truth**.

[Psalms 145:18](#) | [KJV](#)

People are looking for hope and we have to offer them hope not just relief. If they are seeking to know, then God will not cast them out.