

# Answered Prayer

## Matthew 7:7-11

**Matthew 7:7-11 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

<sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>9</sup>Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?

<sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

<sup>11</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

In His Word, our Father commands us to pray continually ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)). And He promises that when we ask, we will receive ([Luke 11:9](#)).

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB)**

<sup>17</sup>“Pray without ceasing.”

**Luke 11:9 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Yet how often has silence seemed to be the answer to our prayer requests?

The Lord wouldn't tell us to pray if He were not going to respond. In fact, He points out that any father who loves his children gives them what they need and what is good ([Matthew 7:11-13](#)). And He, as our heavenly Father, will provide so much more. But if we want God to respond, we must meet three important conditions.

**Matthew 7:11-13 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup>“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

<sup>12</sup>In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup>Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.”

**First, we must have a right relationship with Jesus Christ by trusting Him as Savior.** But some people choose to live in ungodliness even after salvation. Scripture states, “**If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear**” ([Psalms 66:18 NASB](#)). This doesn't mean we can never make a mistake—God understands our frailty. But we must repent of all known sin and avoid continuing in it.

**Second, we must make right requests.** Scripture reminds us to ask according to God's will ([1 John 5:14](#)).

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**1 John 5:14 (NASB)**

**<sup>14</sup>“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”**

That means we can share our hopes and desires while submitting to whatever He deems best. Over time, certain yearnings may lose appeal or give us a check in our spirit.

**Third, we should pray specifically and with confidence.** When making requests aligned with God’s will, we can be sure He’ll answer.

Our heavenly Father tells His children to pray and assures that He will respond. As you present your requests, ask Him to show you if anything is getting in the way of His answer.