



PRAYER

BREAKING OUT



Select one verse below that you best understand and memorize it this week.

John 16:24 NIV

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Matthew 7:7-8 NCV

Ask, and God will give to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will open for you. Yes, everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who searches will find. And everyone who knocks will have the door opened.

Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.

I have memorized my verse and I have recited it to...

This verse is important to me because...

How will my life be different now that I know this verse or these things about prayer?

My life will be different because I will...



BREAKING OUT

Since we have learned so much about prayer, let's show our love to God by spending time with Him each day this week praying. Each day that you pray, color in or circle the picture of the praying hands below.



BREAKING IT APART



Expect an Answer

Read Jeremiah 33:3. Does God always answer prayer?

Repeat your Request

According to Matthew 7:7-8, how often should we repeat our requests?

Select a phrase from the capital letters in the word **P R A Y E R** on this page that is most important to you and write it out. An example would be "P" for Praise God.

Why is this phrase important to you right now?
This phrase is important to me because...



BREAKING IT APART

Each letter has a phrase about prayer. Read the phrase and the verses and write out the correct answer for each question.

Praise God

According to Psalm 34:1, how often should we praise the Lord?

Request Forgiveness

According to 1 John 1:9, what do we need to do to have God forgive our sins?

Attitude of Gratitude

Read Colossians 3:16. What kind of attitude should we have in our hearts toward God?

Your Requests

According to John 16:24, how should we make our requests to God?

BREAKING IT DOWN



OK, so how do you pray? Good question! Most of us pray before dinner, thanking God for our food or before we go to bed at night, asking God to bless our friends and family. Those are great prayers but you can pray for other things too. Take a look at the next few pages to learn more about how we should pray.



BREAKING IT DOWN

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17

I know that was a pretty short verse but did you get what it says? Pray all the time! Well, actually it says that you need to pray as much as you can. For example, have you ever called a friend on the phone? Of course you have! You pick up the phone, dial the number, it rings a few times, and (if your friend is home) they will answer the phone. You talk about your day, what happened at school, at recess, in your class. Maybe how your soccer game went. Sometimes, if you're talking to a best friend, you even talk about your hurts, what makes you mad, what makes you sad and what makes you happy.

Prayer is kind of like talking to your very best friend on the telephone, except when you talk to God you don't have to pick up the phone and you certainly don't have to dial. Oh, yeah...one other thing, God is always home! You never have to worry about a busy signal, or being charged for a long distance call because He always wants to hear from you.



BREAKOUT BOB

If you fold your hands like this, Breakout Bob says you will never forget your lesson on prayer.

