

Ummm...God...Are You Listening?

How NOT to Pray

“I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!” - Jonah 2:2-9

Prayer should be _____

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. -- Matthew 6:5

You be _____

Prayer should always include _____

“Your will be done...” - Matthew 6:9

And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land. -- Jonah 2:10

Prayer is a _____ of our relationship with God.

Prayer should sound like _____

Prayer is to a Father in Heaven which means He cares _____ and is strong _____

Prayer is a _____ between what I want and what God wants.

Prayer is about _____ and _____ stuff.

Prayer is _____ God in what He is doing.

If you _____, you will _____ more.

Prayer _____ me.

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. -- Romans 10:10