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- Jesus speaks of the necessity of prayer - Matthew 7:7-12

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- “Men always ought to pray” – Luke 18:1
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- Remember, Jesus gives us a prayer outline Matthew 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-4
  - His outline is a model that teaches us
- Prayer is essential to clear our minds and our hearts – Isaiah 59:1-2
- If I “ought to”, “without ceasing” **HOW?**

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- **<u>Make prayer a routine</u>**
  - "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You and I will look up." Psalm 5:3

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- **<u>Make time for private prayer</u>**
  - From His outline…
  - “But when you pray, go into your room and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” Matthew 5:6

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- **<u>Pray with faith and boldness</u>**
  - "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing you will receive." Matthew 21:22
  - "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16

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- **<u>Pray with God's will in mind</u>**
  - From His outline…
  - "Your will be done" Matthew 5:10
  - James 4:13-15
  - "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." 1 John 5:14

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- **<u>Like Christians before us, continue praying</u>**
  - "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulations, continuing steadfastly in prayer" Romans 12:12
  - "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" Colossians 4:2

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

- **Believe in Jesus –**
  John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
  Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
  Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
  Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
  Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
- **Remember Matthew 7:21-23** *(not everyone, but…)*