## The Purpose of Prayer

## John 15:7

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What does prayer mean to you?

Prayer is God's idea. If He did not want to hear from you, He would not invite you to pray. God wants to hear from you because he loves you. He cares about every detail of your life. There is nothing too big or too small for His attention.

Prayer is our greatest privilege. Prayer is your responsibility. Only humans Pray.

## Four Primary Purposes for Prayer

- \* Prayer is an act of dedication John 15:5-7).
- \* Prayer is an act of communication (John 15:15-16).
- \* Prayer is an act of supplication (Philippians 4:6-7; John 16:23-24; James 4:2; Psalm 145:19; 37:4; Matthew 7:9-11).
- \* Prayer is an act of cooperating.

Prayer is God's way of letting us partner with Him to accomplish His purposes (John 14:12-14).

Your prayers release the power of God into the most hopeless situations. They can penetrate places where no man or woman can go, whether that's a closed international border, or the hardened heart of a skeptic. Prayer makes the impossible possible (Proverbs 21:1).