# What Kind Of Prayer Does God Answer?

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Daniel 6:13, Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day."

# **God Answers Our Prayers When You...**

### 1. Let God Speak To You First Through His WORD

**Daniel 9:1**, In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

Jeremiah 29:10, This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."

**John 15:7**, If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

### 2. Pray With Emotion And <u>SERIOUSNESS</u>

\*Daniel 9:3\*, So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

**Proverbs 8:17**, I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me find Me.

**Jeremiah 29:13**, You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.

**Hebrews 11:6**, And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

#### 3. Humbly Confess Your Sins Without **EXCUSES**

**Daniel 9:4**, I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: ... 5 "we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. 6 We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land... 10we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws He gave us through His servants the prophets.

### 4. Acknowledge God For Who HE IS

**Daniel 9:4**, I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments... 7 "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame... 9 The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him...

## 5. Ask For God's Forgiveness And MERCY

**Daniel 9:17**, "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your servant. For Your sake, Lord, look with favor on Your desolate sanctuary. 18 Give ear, our God, and hear; open Your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears Your Name. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy. 19 Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, My God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people bear Your Name."

# **6. Don't Stop Praying Until You Get An ANSWER**

**Daniel 9:20**, While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for His holy hill— 21 while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel... 23 As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed..."