



Sermon Outline
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Does Prayer Change Anything?

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer is not _____.

Colossians 4:2 - Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

To fail to pray, then, is not to merely break some religious rule – it's a failure to treat God as God. – Tim Keller

1 Samuel 12:23 - As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.

Prayer causes things to happen that wouldn't happen if you didn't pray. – John Piper

**Prayer _____ God's
supernatural intervention.**

James 4:2b - You do not have because you do not ask God.

Prayer reminds us that we are not in control and keeps us close to the One who is. – Craig Groeshel

James 5:14-15a - Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well...

Romans 15:30 - I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

**Prayer _____ us to
join God in what He is doing.**

When we pray – "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done." – we play a part in the answer to that prayer.

James 2:15-16 - Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

In prayer, we inform God what we think should be done in the world, and in the process God reminds us of our own role in doing it.

Take-a-way for today:

Pray _____.

Prayer Resources

The Bible – *God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus*

Prayer: *Does it make any difference?* – Yancey

Praying with Eyes Wide Open – Harney

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire – Cymbala

Too Busy Not to Pray – Hybels

Prayer – Keller

The Battle Plan for Prayer – Kendrick

The Circle Maker – Batterson

Fervent: *A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer* – Shirer

Before Amen: *The Power of a Simple Prayer* – Lucado

21 Seconds to Change Your World: *Finding God's Healing and Abundance Through Prayer* - Dr. Mark Rutland and Mark Batterson

Prayer: *Finding the Heart's True Home* - Richard J. Foster

Prayer: *The Ultimate Conversation* - Charles F. Stanley