# I Can...Pray

#### Why Do I Need To Do This?

- It Is Commanded
  - Always

LUKE 18:1; 5:16

— In Everything

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

— Continually

COLOSSIANS 4:2

#### Why Do I Need To Do This?

- There Is A Need!
  - For Leaders

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1<sup>ST</sup> TIMOTHY 2:1, 2
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— For the Sick and Hurting

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JAMES 5:13-16; ECCL. 7:2
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— For Those In Sin, And For Our Sins

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MATTHEW 9:37, 38; 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 1:9
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- Lack of Time
  - No less Than Anyone Else, Priorities
  - In A Hurry To Do Other Things



- I Don't Believe It Is Effective
  - | Don't Believe God Hears
  - I Don't Believe God Answers



- Pride
  - "I Don't Heed To Pray"
  - "I Can Do This Myself"



- Lack of Desire
  - Factors That Kill The Desire
  - I'm Not Good At Expressing Myself



- Fear
  - Afraid of What Men Might Think
  - Afraid of Getting Too Close to God

## How Gan I Do This?

#### Prioritize

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- This Is My Communication With God!

MT. 6:5, 6/LK. 18:11, 12; MT. 6:8

- Pray Everywhere

LUKE 18:1; 1<sup>ST</sup> THESS. 5:17;

NEH. 2:4, 5
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## How Can I Do This?

- Trust In God
- *Irust That He Will Hear* 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 5:14; PSALM 116:1; 66:18
  - Trust That He Knows Best

**JAMES 4:2, 3** 

## How Gan I Do This?

With Humility

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- / Need Prayer

1 ST JOHN 1:8, 9; ACTS 8:22
- / Need God

PSALM 142:4; 3:1-4; 32:1-5
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### How Can I Do This?

- Remember God Wants A Strong Relationship
  - A Greater Love Motivates Me To Pray More MATTHEW 22:37
  - I Have Help In Prayer

ROM. 8:26, 27, 34; HEB. 7:25; 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 2:1



- Courage
  - Pray, Despite What Others Might Think
    JOHN 12:42, 43
  - Get Glose To God

## "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

James 5:16