

# WHY PRAY?

## MATTHEW 26:14-75

It is through prayer that \_\_\_\_\_

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*Verses 41, 50-54, 63-64; see also Luke 22:32; John 18:4-6*

### Why we don't pray:

- Because of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verses 33-35; see also Proverbs 16:18; 1 Corinthians 10:12*

- Because of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verses 40-45*

- Because of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Luke 22:45*

### How to pray like Jesus:

- Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verse 39; see also Luke 22:43-44; Hebrews 5:7*

- Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verse 39; see also Matthew 6:9; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 3:1*

- Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verse 39; see also Luke 11:9-10; Philippians 4:6; James 4:2*

- Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verses 39-44; see also Matt. 6:10; John 6:38; Hebrews 5:7*

- Pray with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Verses 39-44; see also Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

# TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Compared to other Christians you know, do you think your prayer life is above average, average, or below average? Why?
2. Re-write Matthew 26:41 in your own words. When have you found the teaching of this passage to be true in your own life? (Try to recall both successes and failures.)
3. What do you think is the primary obstacle to prayer in your life? How can you overcome this obstacle?
4. What characteristic of Christ's prayer in Matthew 26:39 is most challenging to you? Why? What issue in your life should you pray about in a more Christ-like way?
5. Read Matthew 26:47-75. What is the Spirit of God saying to you through these verses?