

# Prayer II

## I. Definition

- A. Prayer is the effective function of petition and entreaty to God on the part of the believer residing in the [Divine Dynasphere](#). There is no such thing as genuine prayer unless the believer offers it inside the Divine Dynasphere – with one exception – restoration to fellowship (RTF).
- B. This study deals only with the believer’s devout supplication to God and does not cover such subjects as prayer to any object of worship such as an angel or a saint, or a cow or a cobra.
- C. Therefore, this categorical presentation will only consider what the Bible has to say about prayer, ignoring all human traditions and speculation.
- D. To begin at the beginning, all prayer is to be offered from inside the Divine Dynasphere to God the Father (*not to the Son or the Holy Spirit*). This truth is illustrated by what people falsely call the prayer for the disciples “*Our Father, who art in heaven.....*” Jesus was inside the Divine Dynasphere when He uttered these words ([Matthew 6:9](#)). Paul states the same pattern from inside the divine Dynasphere, emphasizing the importance of addressing the Father in [Ephesians 3:14](#). Peter mentions the same principle in [I Peter 1:17](#). Prayer is addressed to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ ([John 14:13, 14](#); [John 15:16](#)) in the power of God the Holy Spirit. (Gate #1 of the divine Dynasphere, FHS.) God the Father as the recipient of prayer receives it from three sources (in this dispensation):
  - From God the Son – [Hebrews 7:25](#)
  - From God the Holy Spirit – [Romans 8:26-27](#)
  - From the believer – [Hebrews 4:16](#)

Petition is prayer related to you; your own needs and desires. Prayer related to self.

## II. The reasons why prayer is not answered:

- A. Failure to be filled with the Holy Spirit ([Ephesians 6:18](#); [I John 3:22](#)). Prayer must be offered from inside the Divine Dynasphere.
- B. Grieving or quenching of the Holy Spirit ([Psalm 66:18](#)) “*If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear.*”
- C. Involvement in the cosmic system hinders prayer ([Job 35:12, 13](#)).

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- D. False motivation hinders prayer ([James 4:2, 3](#)). All lust is related to the cosmic system.
- E. Failure to pass momentum testing hinders prayer ([Mark 11:24](#)).
- F. Malfunction in marriage and lack of domestic tranquility destroys effective prayer ([I Peter 3:7](#) “...in an understanding way...”). Human love cannot be sustained by *human love*. Human love can only be sustained by *divine love*.
- G. The general reason for a believer’s failure in prayer is residence outside the Divine Dynasphere ([I John 3:22](#)).

### III. Principles of prayer.

- A. The confidence of prayer can only exist inside the Divine Dynasphere. Confidence is a virtue directed toward God and a virtue only developed in the interlocking system (I.S.) of love.
- B. Cognizance of the will of God can only exist inside the [Divine Dynasphere](#). This is an interlock between gate #1 and gate #4 ([I John 5:14, 15](#)).
- C. Prayer is an extension of the faith-rest drill, the soul exhales toward God ([Matthew 18:19](#)).
- D. The more prolonged the residence in the Divine Dynasphere, the greater will be the expression of conditional and unconditional love, and also the greater will be the result in prayer effectiveness. Increased power in prayer and the eternal glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ ([Ephesians 3:14-21](#)).
- E. Prayer effectiveness demands therefore, the status of unconditional love ([Psalm 68: 6, 18](#)).
- F. Efficacious prayer exists only to the extent that the believer who offers prayer is a grace oriented person ([Hebrews 4:16](#)).
- G. The function of gate #1 of the Divine Dynasphere is the prerequisite for all prayer petitions and intercessions ([Ephesians 4:16](#)).
- H. Being alert in prayer and demonstrating persistence in prayer requires the function of two virtues (that is, two *directional* virtues) inside the Divine Dynasphere.
  - 1.) Courage – toward man
  - 2.) Confidence – toward God