

Ask #3

Why does Jesus teach us to be so persistent in our prayers? Since God already knows our needs before we ask (Matthew 6:8), why must we continue to ask to get what we want?

Communication and trust are the life-breath of any relationship. Communication and trust – that is, prayer and faith – are the life-breath of our relationship with God.

For example, in a marriage, one of the most demanding challenges is learning to live with the inherent differences between husband and wife. So in our relationship with God, consider the incredible differences between Him and us. We are time-bound, pain-sensitive, narrowed-visioned, self-centered creatures. God is eternal, all-powerful, all-wise, and all-loving. He is constantly way ahead of us and high above us. His sense of timing is completely different from ours. He understands much that we can't begin to grasp. Thus living in relationship with Him will require commitment, persistent trust, and patient endurance.

Our Father wants prayer to be our response to every need. Since our neediness will never end, prayer must never end. Faith will require us to continue to ask and continue to trust, sure that He will give what is best, and at just the right time.

*I have a personal, constant relationship with
the Lord of all reality.
We converse freely.
We walk together in relaxed silence,
like loving Parent and child.
What could be more wonderful than this?*

Hymn: [Seeds of Prayer](#)

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