



Here I Am To Worship

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*Here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me*

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Prayer - Introduction



What is prayer?

Prayer

- What is prayer?
 - Conversation with God
- Why do we pray?
 - Peace, Wisdom, Strength, other help – prayer is useful
 - Expression of love
 - Awareness of God
- Everything that increases one's awareness of God is prayer
 - E.g. work, applying our God-given talent for the betterment of community and society, is a form of prayer

What is prayer?

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Prayer Formats

- Spontaneous prayer: simply talking to God
 - “And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”
(Matthew 6:7-8)
- Formula prayers: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Rosary, Apostles' Creed, etc.



“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8

Really?



Is God Prepared To Grant Us Our Every Wish?

- Of course not!
- It is about aligning our will with God's
 - “And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.” 1 John 5:14-15



Danger of My-Needs-Only Prayers

- What happen when God does not respond in the way **we want Him to?**
- “You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.”
(James 4:2-3)

Types of Prayer

- Adoration
 - Contrition
 - Thanksgiving
 - Supplication
(Petition and Intercession)
- ACTS



My Prayer Encounter



Pray unceasingly

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



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I Surrender

Here I am

Down on my knees again

Surrendering all

Surrendering all

And find me here

Lord as You draw me near

Desperate for You

Desperate for You

I surrender

*Drench my soul
As mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst
I hunger and thirst*

*With arms stretched wide
I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now
Speak to me now*

*I surrender
I surrender
I wanna know You more
I wanna know You more
(repeat)*

*Like a rushing wind
Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me*

*Like a mighty storm
Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me
(repeat)*

*I surrender
I surrender
I wanna know You more
I wanna know You more
(repeat)*



Discussion

- How do you pray? Share your experience.
- Why do you pray? Share your thoughts.



Dialogue with Priest

