

## **40 Days of Prayer**

### **“The Purpose of Prayer”**

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**John 15:7**

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#### **I. Prayer is a way to surrender to God and tell Him so (Romans 10:9)**

- A. Surrendering our independence (Romans 9:16)
- B. Surrendering our dishonesty (John 15:5)
- C. Surrendering our pride (Proverbs 16:18)

#### **II. Prayer is a way to communicate with God**

- A. Communicating in a conversation (Genesis 3:9)
- B. Communicating is two-way
- C. Communicating with a friend (John 15:13-15)

#### **III. Prayer is a way to tell God what we need**

- A. Telling God our worries and fears (Philippians 4:6-7)
- B. Telling God to show us the way (Jeremiah 42:3)
- C. Telling God the things that matter to us (Psalm 17:6)

#### **IV. Prayer is a way to cooperate with God’s plan**

- A. It is God’s design
- B. It allows us to hear from God (Jeremiah 33:3)
- C. It helps us accomplish His will (Hebrews 10:36)
- D. It changes the course of history (Proverbs 21:1)

#### **Application:**

- What role has prayer played in shaping your relationship with God?
- Based on today’s message on the purpose of prayer, what can you do to deepen your conversation with God?
- What are you hoping to get out of this series in the next 40 days?