

Why is it necessary to pray?

1. **Jesus is our example** of a person committed to pray. *Lk 3:21, Lk 4:42, Lk 5:16, Lk 6:12, Lk 9:18, Lk 9:28,29, Lk 11:1.* (Even Jesus had to pray.) *Jn 17* is one of Jesus' prayers.
2. **Jesus tells us to pray and not give up.** *Lk 18:1-8, Lk 11:1-4, Lk 10:2.*
3. **The Bible tells us to pray.** *Jer 33:3, Ps 50:15, 1Thes 5:17, Col 4:2, Rom 12:12, Eph 6:18, Phil 4:6,7.*
4. **We need to ask God in faith** for the supply of our needs, before we receive. *Mat 7:7-11, Lk 11:9-13, Jam 4:2, Mat 21:22, Mk 11:24, Jam 1:5,6.*
5. **We are absolutely and desperately in need of God in all and everything we do** to give us His way, truth, and life, *Jn 14:6. Because we CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT HIM, Jn 15:5,*
we do not know **what** to do
we do not know **how** to do it
we do not have **the ability** to do it.
6. **Because God answers prayer and has ordained prayer as the way His mercy, truth and grace is transmitted to us.**

General:

1. Pray for **one topic at a time.** Focus faith. "If two of you agree on earth it will be done for them." *Mat 18:19.* Pray short sharp definite prayers. Don't go on for too long. Make room for others to pray.
2. Pray for the topics on the Prayer Agenda sheet and as the Holy Spirit guides you.
3. Pray with your known language, *Eph 6:18.* And with your spirit, *1Cor 14:15.* Don't offend others.
4. You may pray all together at the same time if the Holy Spirit leads that way. Pray aloud, *Lk 19:37-40.*
5. Keep praying do not give up, *Lk 18:1,* or stop, *Col 4:2.*

Session 1 – Pray for renewal, repentance, revival, restoration in God's people.

1. For a **new hunger** for God in Northland churches, *Joel 1:14.* The saints to gather and cry out to God.
2. That God would enable all Northland believers to fulfil *2Chr 7:14;*
to humble ourselves, deny self, obey God, serve one another in love, *Lk 9:23,*
to pray and seek God's face, hear His voice, *Ac 22:14,15,*
to turn from every wicked way and wrong thing, *2Chr 7:14,* and repent.
Then God will hear from heaven, **forgive us and heal Northland.**
3. For a **new zeal to make Jesus Lord** over everything in our lives – over TV, sports, busyness, business.
4. That God will **pour out His Spirit** upon His people, enabling us to change and serve God completely, in His power, and serve other people in love. *Mk 12:30,31, Gal 6:10.*
5. That we **will deal with sin** in our lives. Then God will deal with sin in Northland and NZ. *Rom 6:1-14.*

Session 2 – Pray for the Lord's harvest of souls in Northland. *Ps126:4-6.*

Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance, *Mat 9:13, Lk 19:10.* Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into **HIS** harvest, *Mat 9:38.* Pray for some unsaved family, friends, contacts. Carry and give out tracts. Be ready to offer the Good News to others as the Holy Spirit prompts you.

1. **That God's love for sinners** will fill every believer's heart in Northland. God loves sinners, *Lk 15:7, Jn 3:16, Ps 126:5,6, Mat 5:4.*
2. For every believer in Northland to be a **bold witness** for Christ to the unsaved, *Ac 1:8, Mat 4:19, Lk 5:10.* Pray for **boldness, words to speak,** opportunities, compassion, leading of the Holy Spirit, *Rom 8:14.*
3. That God will **thrust out His labourers** into His harvest, to plant churches, raise up youth and children outreaches, establish and increase Bible in Schools and save the lost, *Mat 9:38.*
4. For the unsaved to see **how much they need Christ,** by the Holy Spirit convicting of sin, righteousness and judgment, *Jn 16:8.*
5. That God will **grant repentance towards God and faith** in the Lord Jesus Christ to the lost, *Ac 20:21.*
6. For God to **strip away veils** of blindness, apathy, deception, false security from the unsaved. *Ac 26:18.*
7. For church **leaders to be burdened for the lost.**

Session 3 – Pray for churches in Northland, to move out into the community with the Gospel. E.g. mainly music, budgeting services, school breakfasts, door to door, food baskets, mercy deeds, prison ministry, visit elderly, witnessing, prayer stations, healing rooms, visit hospitals, etc.

1. That pastors, leaders, elders **will be filled with God's strength**, wisdom, love, power, truth and anointing to lead.
2. For God to separate and **protect church leaders** from every evil attack and lie.
3. That each church will be full of **godly unity** in God's Spirit and truth, full of forgiveness, caring, mercy and kindness. *Gal 6:10*.
4. **For an increase of prayer by individual believers, families and churches**, *Mat 21:13*. House of Prayer.
5. That **church cells** will be alive and powerful in worship, building relationships, in releasing believers in their gifts, in the ministry of the Word and in encouraging and enabling outreach to the lost. *1Pet 4:10*.
6. For God to raise up **new cell leaders** in churches and that there will be effective cell leader training.
7. That God will bring a fresh release of **new songs of worship** and praise in each Northland church.
8. For God to release **labourers to plant new churches** in Northland.
9. That present churches will be able to **send out teams** to build up smaller newly established churches.
10. For **Unity among church leaders** in Northland. to be the Body of Christ, *Ezk 37:7*.

Session 4 – For families, parents, children, marriages

1. *Lam 2:18,19* “Arise, cry out for the life of your young children.”
2. Cry out for God to **save the children of Northland now** – to raise up “Saviours”.
3. For **unborn children** to be delivered and saved, *Ezk 9:4, Mat 5:4*.
4. For the **new born, infants**, older children to be kept from evil, abuse, hunger and exposure.
5. That God will **save our families**, strengthen marriages and that family life will be greatly honoured.
6. For marriage, covenant commitment to be honoured, *Mal 2:14-16*.
7. That **ministries on marriage** will come again throughout Northland.
8. For **parents to train, discipline**, lead their children in God's ways every day, and be a godly example.
9. For **motherhood to be recognised** as a mighty ministry in God, as great as any other ministry.
10. For **parents to protect their children from viewing TV** violence, sex, and the occult. Also videos, porn.
11. For parents to interact with their children in hobbies, sports, games.

Session 5 – For Christian Education

1. Government caps on the rolls of Christian Schools to be lifted.
2. For a **great increase** in Christian Education, in Christian schools, home schooling, teachers' training colleges, available teachers, monitors, helpers, aids, specialists.
3. That **parents will willingly take No 1 responsibility** for their own children's education, learning and progress. *Deut 6:4-9*.
4. For **God to pour out His Spirit** and bless mightily all Christian education, with great increase and supply.
5. That God will **protect** Christian education from all evil.
6. That **God will greatly bless all churches** that are supporting or establishing Christian education with needed finance, skilled workers, material provision, and raise up people who can give what is needed.

Session 6 – For the Government, justice system and local authorities – *1Tim 2:1-4, Rom 13:1-7*.

1. That God will raise up **God fearing, truth speaking, just M.P.'s** in N.Z. *2Sam 23:2-4, Ps 89:14*.
2. For **God to turn the hearts of the M.P.'s**, like water in irrigation channels, wherever He wishes. *Pro 21:1*.
3. That God will cause our **leaders in NZ to do His will** and punish evil doers, *1Tim 2:2, Rom 13:1-7*.
4. For **evil legislation to be destroyed** and to be replaced by righteous laws.
5. That **Government will bring us peace** so that the Gospel will spread throughout NZ. *1Tim 2:1-4*.
6. For **judges and law courts** to judge righteously in the fear of God. *Deut 16:18,19,20*.
7. That God will lead **godly men and women to prepare to stand** for Parliament in the future.
8. For **every Christian M.P.** to be powerfully strengthened by God to obey Him and do His will.

Session 7 –For your village, town, city, district.

1. That the church leaders will be able to gather regularly, to pray for their locality and churches *Ps 133*.
2. For the local church leaders and churches to care for the poor and needy. *Mat 25:36*.
3. That the Government will establish adequate health services for your area.
4. For God to bring new industry, business and employment opportunities. Ask and it shall be given, *Mat 7:7*.
5. That God will establish in your area a greater concern for higher moral values and standards.
6. For present business productivity to increase in each district and that all families will have suitable employment opportunities to meet their needs.
7. That God will deliver us from overseas investors who are buying prime real estate making it difficult for local people to afford to purchase land.