

All the Prayers in the Bible

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Paul exhorts us to devote ourselves to prayer (Col 4:2) and to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17). In reading the Bible, we see that prayer is saturated within God's Word. It impacts important events, interweaving with God's sovereign plan in history. The Bible refers to the word prayer or expresses a prayer in 61 of its 66 books, making close to 1,100 distinct references to and about prayer.

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I Sam 8

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I Sam 14

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Prayer As a Still Small Voice

I Sam 16:1-12

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I Sam 17

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I Sam 23

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I Sam 28:7

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II Sam 2:1

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II Sam 5:19-25

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II Sam 7:18-29

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