

SEEK & FIND



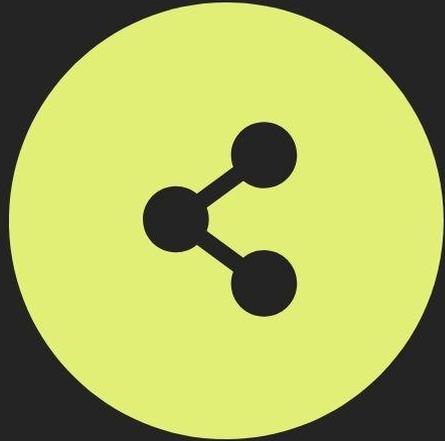
Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12–13 NIV

Fasting is not us getting more of
God's attention but Him having
more of ours.

11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11 NIV



How do we maintain
this spiritual zeal
and cultivate a
discipline for prayer?

1 Be not silent, O God of my praise! 2 For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. 3 They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause. 4 In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer.

Psalm 109:1-4 ESV



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Q I will pray urgently.

5 O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive, so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help. 6 Listen closely to my prayer, O Lord; hear my urgent cry.

Psalm 86:5–6 NLT

Why do we need to pray urgently?



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-We have a persistent enemy.

8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 NLT

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- We have a **persistent** enemy.
- So we can **guard** our **hearts**.

9 But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.

Nehemiah 4:9 NLT



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Q I will pray urgently.

Q I will pray earnestly.



EARNESTLY DEF: WITH DEEP
AND SINCERE FEELING;
EXPRESSED IN A SERIOUS AND
DETERMINED WAY.

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:16b NLT

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 NIV



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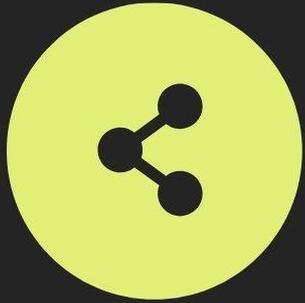
Q I will pray frequently.

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

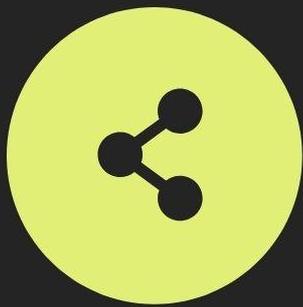
Colossians 4:2 ESV

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 NIV

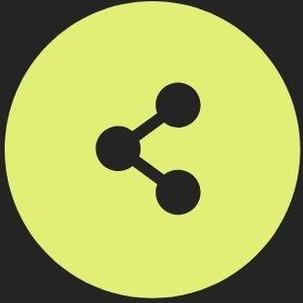


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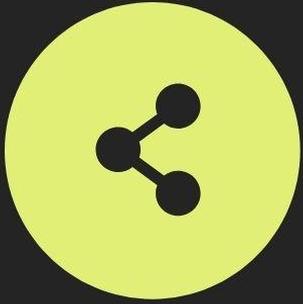
- Rejoice



God's general will for His children:

- Rejoice
- Pray continually.

There is also room – and great value – in every-moment-of-the-day fellowship with God.



God's general will for His children:

- Rejoice
- Pray continually.
- Gratitude

...but I give myself to prayer.
Psalm 109:4B ESV

IN THE ORIGINAL HEBREW THE
WORDS LITERALLY
MEAN "I AM PRAYER"





DAVID IS BASICALLY SAYING,
"PRAYER IS NOT SOMETHING I DO,
IT IS WHO I AM".