



PRAYER

Pathfinder Level

Purpose

To help you understand and begin to apply the principles of prayer.

Exploring

Wouldn't it be exciting to have a talk with the Prime Minister of your country? That may not be possible, but you can talk with someone far more important. You can talk with God any time you wish. Conversation with God is called **Prayer**.

1. Read Luke 11: 1-13. What do the verses 9-13 tell us we can expect when we talk with God through prayer?

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2. Read Matthew 6: 5-15. Jesus is teaching about prayer. He even gives us a sample prayer in verses 9-13. Each part of His prayer is a promise that God will answer. Write down what each part means;

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- a. How we are to address God.
- b. In your own words, what do you pray for in the six requests in this prayer? Write down each individual request.

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- c. In your own words, how do you conclude (end) your prayer?

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3. There are times when our prayers do not reach God. Look up the verses below and write down why this happens.

James 1: 6

Psalms 66: 18-19

There are also times when God answers our prayers, but not in the way we expect. Read 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10 and write in your own words what happened to Paul.

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Doing

1. Be able to repeat the Lord's Prayer from memory.
2. Another way to remember all the things our prayers should include is to learn the **A C T S** of prayer:

A Adoration or giving praise to God.

C Confession or telling God about our sin and asking Him to forgive us.

T Thanks to God for all He has given and done for us.

S Supplication or asking God to do something for us or for others.

Be able to repeat the **A C T S** from memory and tell what each word means.

3. Prepare a prayer diary now (while you are at Cadets) and keep a record of your **daily** prayers for three weeks in this diary. You may pray:
 - Privately; talking with God when no one else is around
 - In a Group; as part of a group where each member prays silently or out loud.
 - Leading a Group; where you stand in front of a group and pray for them as their representative.

Mark down each time you pray in your diary and include the following information.

- Date – remember, at least once a day.
- How I prayed – privately, in a group, or leading a group.
- What I said to God – list your prayer requests.
- God's answer – this may not happen immediately each time, but if you discover that God has answered one of your prayers, go back and write His 'answer' next to your request (with the date).

My Prayer Diary

DATE	HOW I PRAYED	WHAT I SAID TO GOD	GOD'S ANSWER	DATE
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Reflection

Share your prayer experiences with your Counsellor (Find a quiet spot if you can). What did Jesus teach you about praying in His prayer? Talk about your Prayer Diary. Ask him about his prayer life. Pray together.

Ask your Counsellor to sign below and arrange for the presentation of your badge.

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