

Message Notes:

Message Title:

“Why Pray Anyway?”

Text:

Matthew 6:5-8

“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.” Col. 4:2, NLT

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” James 4:3, NIV

“The third petition of the Lord’s Prayer is repeated daily by millions who have not the slightest intention of letting anyone’s will be done but their own.” Aldous Huxley

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?” Corrie Ten Boom

Definition of Prayer: _____

“When we pray, we”

1. Prove that God exists.
 - a. “...when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.” Jeremiah 29:12-13, NLT
2. Reconnect with God.
 - a. “The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you...That’s my parting gift to you. Peace. I don’t leave you the way you’re used to being left – feeling abandoned, bereft.” John 14:26-27, MSG
3. Admit our dependence.
 - a. “Answer me, Eternal One. Reveal Yourself so that everyone here will know that You, Eternal One, are the True God – the only God.” 1 Kings 18:37, VOICE
4. Yield to His will.
 - a. “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Luke 22:42, NLT

Communication Card:

Next Steps:

___Memory Verse: “**Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and thankful heart.**” Col. 4:2, NLT

___I will yield to God.

___I will reconnect everyday this week.