



**Prayer the Works - Week
1 Praying Privately**

Monday

What is prayer? Simply put, prayer is conversing with God. Talking and listening!

1. The first-time prayer is mentioned in the Bible is **Gen 20:6-7**. What do we learn from the context? What do you think about what God said? Also, read **Genesis 20:17**

2. Read **Genesis 25:21** What did Isaac know in order for him to do what he did?

3. For what are you regularly praying?

4. Read **1st Samuel 1:9-18** What's unusual about this woman's prayer?

Tuesday

Praying privately is not for super-Christians, it is for all Christians! (**Matt 6:6**)

1. What is Jesus doing in **Luke 6:12**? Why did He do this?

2. Choose one Psalm and read it. Is it a "private" prayer or is it meant to be prayed by the reader?

Wednesday

1. Some people regard reading the prayers of others as an insincere way for them to pray. What do you think?

2. Read **Ephesians 1:15-23** This is a prayer. Some believe the whole letter is a prayer. What is Paul praying for?

3. Read **Matthew 26:40-44** What do we learn about praying from the Master of Prayer in this passage?

Thursday

1. Read **Nehemiah 1:4-11**. Is this a spontaneous prayer? Did he intend it to be a “private” prayer?

2. How is the prayer in Nehemiah 1:4-11 different than the prayer in **Nehemiah 2:4**?

Friday

1. What does **1 Peter 3:12** tell us about God’s response to His people praying?

2. According to **Romans 12:12** How much time should we devote to prayer?

Homework – start writing a Life Prayer for yourself