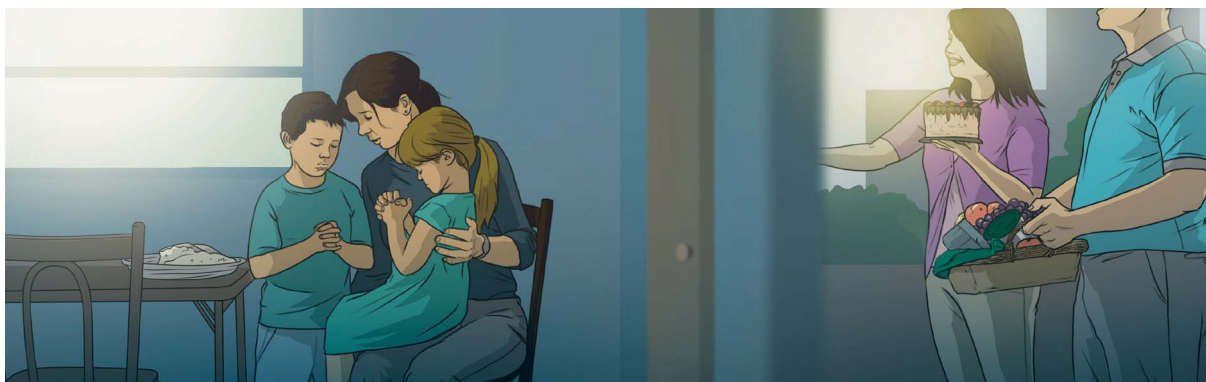


# Draw Close to God in Prayer (Part 3)

Based on chapter 17 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on [jw.org](http://jw.org).

**OBJECTIVE:** Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



## DOES GOD REALLY ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

### 1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

Why might some people say yes?

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Why might some people say no?

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What do *you* believe?

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Why do you believe that?

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# 2

## EXAMINE WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

### God answers our prayers in a variety of ways. (See chapter 17 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 16-18.)

**Read Proverbs 12:25; Hebrews 1:13, 14; James 2:16.**

How may Jehovah use angels and fellow believers to answer our prayers?

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**Read 2 Corinthians 4:7.**

What can Jehovah give us to help us deal with the trials we pray about?

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**A wise father chooses the right time to give his children what they need. Likewise, Jehovah chooses the best time to answer our prayers**

## We should persevere in prayer, trusting that Jehovah will answer us in the best way.

(See chapter 17 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 19-20.)

### Read Luke 11:5-10.

Why should we keep praying, even if Jehovah seems to delay in answering?

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### Read Philippians 4:13.

If Jehovah chooses not to remove a challenge we're praying about, how else may he answer our prayers?

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In what ways has Jehovah answered *your* prayers? Give some examples.

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# 3

## EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**God doesn't care enough about us to answer our prayers.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**Sad to say, many people feel that way. But I've found this thought to be comforting...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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IF SOMEONE SAYS...

**God is all-powerful, so he should answer our prayers immediately.**

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

**That is a common viewpoint, but consider the possibility that...**

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What scripture could you share with the person?

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Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

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