

*Why won't God answer my prayer?*

It is in God's nature—as it would be in any father's nature—to speak with his child and to fellowship with him. We build up our most holy faith by reading his word (Ac 20:32).

It would be the Father's starting point in prayer, for example, to answer *yes*. He is not moved by many words (Mt 6:7); but, he hears when his children cry out to him and he responds to them.

There are things that men can do which would discline him from saying *yes* such as one: regarding iniquity in his heart (Ps 66:18), turning his hear from hearing the law (Pr 28:9), regarding worthless idols (Jon 2:8) or not dwelling with his wife with understanding and giving her honor (1 Pe 3:7).

It is wise to refrain from acting in ways that provoke his discipline and cause him to say *no* sometimes.

One must press ahead into the kingdom (Luke 16:16). It is difficult to get there (Mt 7:13-14).

To have communion with God, one must be reconciled to him (2 Co 5:18, 19) by acceptance of his son (Jn 14:6), be obedient (v. 23) and holy (2 Co 6:14–18).

Have you veered off course in your walk with him? A Turkish proverb says: “No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, turn back.”

When one is convicted of sin, the proper response is to repent (Ac 2:37, 38).

God is where he has always been (Isa 57:15-17) and he wishes to fellowship with his children (1 Jn 1:3).

Be faithful to him and he will be faithful to you (1 Co 1:9). Hold on to him and he will hold on to you (Jud 24). The Holy Spirit is there for your comfort, love and fellowship with affection and mercy (Phil 2:1).

Walk in light (1 Jn 1:7) not darkness like men who have wickedly departing from him (Ps 18:21).

He will carry you (Ps 77:19)