

# Sixteen Hindrances to Prayer

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What is Prayer? Prayer is a normal conversation between God's child and his or her Father, the Sovereign God of the universe. Such conversation consists of praise, thanksgiving, petitions, and requests.

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons in the believer's spiritual arsenal which include the Word, the Holy Spirit and prayer.

For prayer to reach the throne of God believers need to be aware of obstacles that stand in the way of having our prayers heard. Here are sixteen.

1. Lack of studying God's Word..... Prov. 28:9
2. Lack of obedience to God's Word .....1 John 3:21-22
3. Unconfessed sin..... Ps. 66:18
4. Lack of the Holy Spirit's enablement..... Eph. 6:18
5. Perpetual carnality..... Isa. 59:2
6. Lack of genuine repentance..... Luke 15:18-24
7. Unresolved personal conflict..... Matt. 5:23-24
8. Lack of domestic tranquility.....1 Peter 3:1-7
9. Lack of forgiveness..... Matt. 6:14-15
10. Selfishness..... James 4:1-3
11. A closed mind to the needy..... Prov. 21:13
12. Lack of mercy..... Matt. 5:7
13. An unfulfilled vow..... Eccl. 5:1-6
14. Pride or lack of humility..... Luke 18:9-14
15. Lack of faith..... James 1:6-7
16. Lack of perseverance..... Luke 18:1-8