

**HOW MUCH
PRAYER
DOES GOD
WANT?**



Luke 18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

“always pray and not give up”

Long prayers

Hard prayers

Pray often

With faith

Get others to pray

Time of day, posture, words used, etc

**Is Jesus
reminding us
WHO we pray
to?**

Story of Contrast



Selfish, self-centred

Has no concern for the widow

**Didn't want to be bothered
that might risk his reputation**

“Unjust judge”

Story of Contrast



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WHO are we praying too?



**We pray to our
heavenly Father who
cares for the whole
world**

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your
anxiety on him because
he cares for you.

Matt 7:11 If you, then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to your
children, how much more will your
Father in heaven give good gifts to those
who ask him!

**The Father
welcomes our
prayers, not
bothered by it**

Isa 58:1 Look! Listen!

**GOD's arm is not amputated—he can still save.
GOD's ears are not stopped up—he can still hear.
There's nothing wrong with God; the wrong is
in *you*. Your wrongheaded lives caused the split
between you and God. Your sins got between you
so that he doesn't hear.**

**Isa 58:9 Then you will call, and the LORD will
answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here
am I.**

**Its not “how”
we pray, but to
“always pray
and not give
up”**

**Heb 13:5-6 Since God
assured us, “I’ll never let
you down, never walk off
and leave you,” we can
boldly quote, God is there,
ready to help;
I’m fearless no matter what.
Who or what can get to me?**

A pair of hands is shown from the back, held up in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned symmetrically, with fingers spread. The background is a soft, warm light, possibly from a window, creating a gentle glow around the hands. The text is centered over the hands.

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Mother Teresa