

"Help. Thanks. Wow."

A Primer on Prayer
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"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

"When I pray, coincidences happen; when I stop praying, the coincidences stop happening." (Archbishop William Temple)

Some considerations regarding 'unanswered' prayer:

- God's World The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. Psalm 24:1 (NLT)
- God's War Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8b (NIV)
- God's Will "May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10b (NLT)

## Study Guide

- 1. First off by way of gentle reminder, have you been able to list and post your 3 "Keep it up" prayer requests? If not, it's not too late ...
- 2. While we're momentarily pondering 'lists', take a moment to remember/journal two instances of note:
  - a prayer that God has answered
  - a prayer that you would consider unanswered
- 3. Review the three verses that were connected to the three points in last Sunday's message. Read each one and comment on your understanding/experience of each one.
- 4. Take a moment now, and lift up to the Father, a prayer request that seems unanswered, unfinished or unsatisfactory. Be honest. Perhaps the next step is to purposefully engage in an act of worship ...