

**Your Prayers
What Would Jesus Say?
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How do you define prayer?

How would God describe your prayer life?

Mark 7:24-30 (NIV) Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet He could not keep His presence secret. ²⁵In fact, as soon as she heard about Him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at His feet. ²⁶The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷"First let the children eat all they want," He told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁸"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then He told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

4 Characteristics for Effective Prayer

- **Seeking Faith**
- **Humble Faith**
- **Desperate Faith**
- **Persistent Faith**

Some Practical Advice

- **Bring your absolute worst to Jesus.**
- **Make prayer a normal part of your life.**
- **Be desperate...always.**
- **Pray like it's a marathon run.**
- **Your prayer life can be as deep as you want it to be.**