The Practice of Prayer

1. Does prayer work? Yes, more than you imagine.

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

Exodus 17:11

So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

Exodus 17:13

• There is a partnership between Heaven and Earth.

I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.

Ezekiel 22:30

2. Does prayer always work? It depends on your "WHY."

But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

1 John 1:9 CEV

You don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong — because you pray just for selfish reasons.

James 4:2-3 NLT/CEV

3. What is the best way to pray?

No special words.

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:7-8

No words.

In the same way the Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; but the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express.

Romans 8:26

Don't lose faith.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

Luke 18:1

• In Jesus' name.

You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.

John 14:13 NLT