

“Help. Thanks. Wow. Amen.” Sermon Notes
Week 4 – Amen
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1. Prayer isn't an event. Prayer is a relationship.

Pray without ceasing. -1 Thessalonians 5:17

The LORD is near to all who call on him. –Psalm 145:18

2. God will make sense of our nonsense.

In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. –Romans 8:26

3. Prayer changes us.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. –Hebrews 13:8

Prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes me. –C.S. Lewis
By praying, we learn to pray. –Richard Foster

The purpose of prayer isn't to benefit from God. The purpose of prayer is to relate to God and resemble Jesus Christ.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told a parable. –Luke 18:9

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. –Luke 18:10

The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” –Luke 18:11-12

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." – Luke 18:13

I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. -Luke 18:14