

WEEK 7 DAY 1: Is prayer always answered? – Yes

Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their prayer. □ You will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I. □ Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. You always hear me.' □ Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously and without finding fault, and it will be given to you. □ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. □ Everyone who asks receives.

*ISA 65:24. 1 Pet 3:12 □ Isa 58:9 □ Matt 6:8.
John 11:41, 42 □ Luke 22:42. Jas 1:5 □ 1 Jn 5:14.
Jas 1:17 □ Matt 7:8.*

WEEK 7 DAY 2: Is prayer always answered? – No

Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me.

Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy. □ God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

Anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. □ The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the LORD would not have listened. □ If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*PROV 1:28. Josh 5:15 □ John 4:23, 24.
Heb 11:6 □ Jas 1:6, 7.
Mark 11:25. Jas 4:3. Ps 66:18 □ 1 Jn 2:1.*

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. □ Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders.

'Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded,' declares the LORD. □ I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.

Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. □ 'Master, don't you care if we drown?' 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'

I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

1 PET 5:7. Dt 33:27 □ Dt 33:12.

Jer 31:16 □ Isa 49:25. Matt 14:27 □ Mark 4:38, 40.

John 15:15, 16. Jer 31:3.

For ever. Amen.

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvellous deeds. Praise to his glorious name for ever; may the whole earth be full of his glory. Amen and Amen.

To the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen. □ No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.' □ To the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore! Amen.

From everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

MATT 6:13 (fn). Ps 72:18-19.

Rom 16:27 □ 2 Cor 1:20, 21. Rev 1:8 □ Jude 25.

Ps 103:17. Eph 3:19, 20.