

ABOUT YOUR PRAYERS

“Prayer is an offering of our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.”

1. We can be bold in our prayers because of who God is.

He got up and departed from there to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it, but he could not escape notice. Instead, immediately after hearing about him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth, and she was asking him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, because it isn’t right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

But she replied to him, “Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Mark 7:24-28

“You say, the woman responds, that I am a dog. Let it be, I will gladly be a dog; now give me the consideration that you give a dog. Thus she catches Christ with his own words, and he is happy to be caught...Now then where will he go, our dear Jesus? He let himself be made captive, and must comply. Be sure of this: that’s what he most deeply desires...By such tenacity and unflinching faith the Lord is taken captive and pressed to answer.” Martin Luther

...approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

2. We can be emboldened before unanswered prayers because of who God is.

“God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything he knows.” Tim Keller

“We can be sure our prayers are answered precisely in the way we would want them to be answered if we knew everything God knows.” Tim Keller

He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? Romans 8:32

Reflection Question:

Where is God calling you to trust him with your bold prayers?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.