

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Below)

# As I Pray

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$\frac{A\flat}{B\flat}$   $B\flat7$   $E\flat$   $\frac{Fm}{A\flat}$   $A\flat$   $E\flat$   $\frac{A\flat}{B\flat}$   $B\flat7$

1. As I pray, I'm with You face to face. You are  
 2. As I pray, Lord, oth - ers come to mind. They are  
 3. You are God; I'm with You face to face. You are

$E\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{D}$   $Cm$   $Cm7$   $B\flat7_{sus}$   $B\flat7$   $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$   $B\flat7$   $E\flat$   $\frac{B\flat7}{F}$   $E\flat$   $\frac{E\flat}{G}$   $\frac{E\flat}{G}$

here, and all I see is grace. You are joy; You fill my heart with  
 Yours- they share Your life di - vine. All their hopes, their joys and needs are  
 love, and wise in all Your ways. You are light- the world's a bright - er

$A\flat_{add9}$   $A\flat$   $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$   $B\flat7$   $\frac{A\flat}{B\flat}$

praise As I pray. Lord, I will pray.  
 mine As I pray. Lord, I will pray.  
 place As I pray. Lord, I will pray.

1  $E\flat$  2, 3 Fine 3rd time  $E\flat$

$E\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{D}$   $Cm$   $Cm7$   $Cm$   $Cm7$   $Gm$   $Cm$   $Cm7$   $Gm$

I will pray, for You in - vite me. I will pray, for You are near. I will

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Chords: C<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> E<sup>b</sup> G<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup>/D C<sub>m</sub> C<sub>m</sub><sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> F/A F<sup>9</sup>/A B<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> B<sup>b</sup><sup>7</sup>

Lyrics: pray, and You will an - swer. You will speak, Lord, and I will hear.

TOPICS: Daily Devotion; God’s Presence; Intercession; Prayer

LEAD-IN: *The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving toward all he has made.  
The Lord is near to all who call on him.  
(Psalm 145:17-18a, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Only by the Lord

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5, NIV)*

My fruitfulness flows from the presence of Christ within me. I am completely dependent on His working in and through me.

That's why my devotional life is so critical—not just in those special private times but also as I look to Him throughout the day. Such prayer keeps me in touch with Him and open to His influence. Without it, I tend to sink into preoccupation with myself and lesser concerns.

Writing teaches me this dependence more than anything else ever has. Every morning when I get up and begin, I have to face my own inability and release the work to Him:

“Lord, this time is Yours. I can only work as You enable me. I look to You now and will just follow as You lead.”

This is especially necessary when the task gets difficult. When I get stuck at a spot, my first instinct is to press harder. I want to get past the frustration and finish the job. But I’m learning I have to stop and pray:

“Lord, I did not choose this task, nor can I make it happen. It is Yours. I am simply available to You.”

I have to open myself to Him and wait, letting Him work in His way and time. And He does—beautifully, bringing me solutions and directions I never could have found on my own.

Frequently the wait is relatively short. Something unexplainable just happens when I release the task to Him. He works so naturally and perfectly.

Yet sometimes the wait is longer. I'm forced to live with unfinished business, and I can become anxious and discouraged. During such times, I repeatedly go to Him, intent on talking about the doing. But He wants to talk about us. He reminds me to look at Him, enjoy Him, and be at peace in Him. He invites me to just rest in His doing.

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Remain in him by praying to Him throughout the day. It will help keep your heart set on Him. And you will know that He, himself, is life's sweetest gift and the source of all your fruitfulness.

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