“Prayer and Bible Reading“ -- Matthew 4:4

**1. BIBLE**

Ps 119:25 ¶ DALETH. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

**Mt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

**2. PRAYER**

Why is prayer so diffi/cult or a life or pattern of prayer so difficult to maintain?

**Setting the pattern.**

Evidently prayer took much of the time and strength of Jesus, and a man or woman who does not spend much time in prayer, cannot properly be called a follower of Jesus Christ. (HowToPray\_Torrey)

--as followers of Christ we must do as he did or would do.

Commanded

Isa 55:6; Mt 7:7; Php 4:6

- TO BE OFFERED

• To God Ps 5:2; Mt 4:10

- God hears Ps 10:17; 65:2

- God answers Ps 99:6; Isa 58:9

- IS DESCRIBED AS

• Bowing the knees Eph 3:14

• Looking up Ps 5:3

• Lifting up the soul Ps 25:1

• Lifting up the heart La 3:41

• Pouring out the heart Ps 62:8

• Pouring out the soul 1Sa 1:15

• Calling upon the name of the Lord Ge 12:8; Ps 116:4; Ac 22:16

• Crying to God Ps 27:7; 34:6

• Drawing near to God Ps 73:28; Heb 10:22

• Crying to heaven 2Ch 32:20

• Beseeching the Lord Ex 32:11

• Seeking to God Job 8:5

• Seeking the face of the Lord Ps 27:8

• Making supplication Job 8:5; Jer 36:7

- Acceptable through Christ Joh 14:13,14; 15:16; 16:23,24

- Quickening grace necessary to Ps 80:18

**- SHOULD BE OFFERED UP**

• In the Holy Spirit Eph 6:18; Jude 1:20

• In faith Mt 21:22; Jas 1:6

• In full assurance of faith Heb 10:22

• In a forgiving spirit Mt 6:12

• With the heart Jer 29:13; La 3:41

• With the whole heart Ps 119:58,145

• With preparation of heart Job 11:13

• With a true heart Heb 10:22

• With the soul Ps 42:4

• With the spirit and understanding Joh 4:22-24; 1Co 14:15

• With confidence in God Ps 56:9; 86:7; 1Jo 5:14

• With submission to God Lu 22:42

• With unfeigned lips Ps 17:1

• With deliberation Ec 5:2

• With holiness 1Ti 2:8

• With humility 2Ch 7:14; 33:12

• With truth Ps 145:18; Joh 4:24

• With desire to be heard Ne 1:6; Ps 17:1; 55:1,2; 61:1

• With desire to be answered Ps 27:7; 102:2; 108:6; 143:1

• With boldness Heb 4:16

• With earnestness 1Th 3:10; Jas 5:17

• Night and day 1Ti 5:5

• Without ceasing 1Th 5:17

• Everywhere 1Ti 2:8

• In everything Php 4:6

- For temporal blessings Ge 28:20; Pr 30:8; Mt 6:11

- For spiritual blessings Mt 6:33

- For mercy and grace to help in time of need Heb 4:16