

What causes God to hear and answer our prayers?

No verse in the Bible gives the complete answer as to what causes God to hear and answer our prayers. We must fulfill or meet at least seven requirements of God that will cause Him to hear and answer our prayers. God does promise in His Word that He will answer our prayers and give what we ask for. So often we pray and there seems to be no answer. What's the problem? Let us examine the Scripture for the answer.

1. **Simply ask God for something and He will do it.**

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it shall be given to you"

Luke 11:9 "Ask and it shall be given to you"

John 16:24 "Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full"

James 4:2 "You have not because you ask not"

2. **Two must agree when asking for something and God will give it.**

Matthew 18:19 "If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father."

3. **You must believe that you will receive what you ask for.**

Matthew 21:22 "If you believe you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"

James 1:6 "When he asks, he must believe and not doubt".

4. **You must pray in the Name of Jesus and God will give it.**

John 14:14 "You may ask me for anything in my Name and I will do it".

5. **You must pray according to God's will and He will hear.**

1 John 5:14 "He hears us if we ask anything according to His will".

6. **You must remain in Him and His word in you, then He will answer your prayers.**

John 15:7 "If you remain in me and my Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it shall be given".

7. **You must humble yourself, turn from your sins, then God will hear from heaven.**

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way the I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"