

8. **Prayer And Thanksgiving** God created man (Gen 1:27) and every “*good gift and every perfect gift is from above.*” Scripture? _____ Paul said (1 Thess 5:18), “*In _____ give thanks.*”
9. **Saying “The Blessing”** This is an old southern term for giving thanks or saying grace. Should we do it? Jesus did! (Mk 8:6) “*He took the _____ loaves, and gave thanks.*” He did it more than once (Jn 6:11): “*Jesus took the _____; and when he had _____, he distributed to the disciples.*” How many loaves? _____ Why give thanks for food? _____ Did he give thanks before or after the eating? _____ Every Christian should follow this example.
10. **Is Every Prayer Answered?** Yes, God answers all *acceptable* prayers. Some “_____ *not*” (Jas 4:3) because they “_____ *amiss.*” God hears only the _____ (1 Pet 3:12). God hears those (1 Jn 3:22) who “*keep his _____, and do those things that _____ in his sight.*” Who does this rule out? _____ (Jn 9:31) “*We know that God heareth _____: but if any man be a _____ of God, and _____, him he heareth.*” This verse is uncomplicated if you understand all of it.
11. **More On Acceptability** One must be forgiving of others. (Mt 6:15) “*But if ye _____ men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your _____.*” The prayer must be harmonious with God’s will. (1 Jn 5:14) “*If we ask _____ according to his _____, he heareth us.*” One must pray in faith. (Mt 21:22) “*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask _____, believing, ye shall receive.*” (Jn 14:13) “*And whatsoever ye shall ask _____, that will I do.*” What about the person who abandons Christ? (Jn 15:7) “*If ye _____, and my _____ abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it _____ unto you.*”
12. **How Does God Answer Prayers** We think there are three categories: YES, NO, and “Not now, wait awhile.” (Isa 38:2-5) (a) Hezekiah was told (V1) that he would _____. He (V2) _____ and God said “Yes” by granting him (V5) _____. (b) The Apostle Paul besought the Lord (2 Cor 12:8) _____ that his (V7) “_____ in the _____” be removed. God answered him with a “No” and said (V9): “*My _____ is sufficient for thee.*” (c) One may ask for something he is yet too immature to possess. In such a case God may say “No,” meaning, “Wait awhile.” Instant gratification is a human characteristic.
13. **What & Whom To Pray For** (Mt 6:12) “*And _____ us our debts, as we forgive our _____.*” (Prov 4:7) “*Wisdom is the _____ thing; therefore get _____.*” What does (Jas 1:5) say that a Christian is to pray for? _____ We should ask for daily necessities: “*Give us this day our daily bread.*” Scripture? _____ It is good to pray for the physically sick. Contrary to what we assume, there are no NT scriptures, outside of the miraculous age setting, that so command. The example in (Jas 5:14-20) is often misinterpreted. It is good for Christians to remember the spiritually sick and ask for opportunity to reach them. We are to pray for our rulers. (1 Tim 2:1-2) “*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, _____, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for _____ men; For _____, and for all that are in _____.*”
14. **More On Subjects Of Prayer** (Mt 5:44) “*Love your _____---and pray for them which despitefully _____, and persecute you.*” Every Christian should pray for preachers and teachers of God’s Word. (2 Thess 3:1) “*Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the _____ may have _____, and be glorified.*” Pray for fellow Christians. (Phil 1:9-11) Pray according to God’s Will. (Mt 26:39) “*Nevertheless not as _____, but as thou _____.*”
15. **May One Pray For Personal Things?** Hezekiah did! Jesus did! (Mt 6:10) “*Thy will be done in _____, as it is in _____.*” (Jas 1:6) “*But let him ask in faith, nothing _____.*”
16. **Usage In The KJV** The word *pray* is found 313X in 306V; *prayed* 65X in 65V; *prayer* 114X in 107V. *Pray* sometimes means to implore or beg. God hears the righteous person and answers all his/her prayers b-u-t he may not always give the answer we want. (2 Cor 5:7) “*(For we _____, not by sight.)*” If we walk by faith (Rom 10:17), we will pray by faith (Jas 1:6).