

... and pray

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the study

"... the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father'." Romans 8:15 NIV

Prayer is our heart's voice speaking to our life's author. So, when our heart is hurting, joyful, concerned, fearful, longing, etc. the natural inclination for our heart *(when it is ultimately connected to our Creator/Author of life – Our Father – through a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ)* is to reach out to the only One Who would can direct and sooth our heart.

The use of God's title, "Abba, Father", starts with His Son, Jesus (**Mark 14:36**). Jesus was identifying His relationship with the Father in Heaven as surrendered into submission. The expression has been translated as an intimate address meaning, "Daddy!"

- Are we able to call God "Daddy"? (Refer to Romans 8:14-17; John 1:12; Galatians 4:5-7.)
- 2. When you speak to your earthly father what do you talk about?

In the following verses what are the benefits and strengths attached to prayer?

3. Matthew 26:41

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- 4. Matthew 7:7
- 5. Matthew 21:22
- 6. Luke 6:28
- 7. Luke 18:1 (The Persistent Widow)
- 8. Acts 14:23
- 9. Romans 8:26
- 10. Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- 11. Philippians 4:4-7