

MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Can prayer change the will of God?

"I the Lord do not change." (Malachi 3:6) The idea of praying to change God's will is presumptuous. ... Jesus set the example in Gethsemane when He prayed for God's will to be done, not His own. Perhaps prayer should be used not to change God's will but to discover his will, then conform our will to His.

Can Prayer Change God's Will?

When we go to God and ask Him to change His will, a kind of exchange takes place—God begins to change our will to align with His. Soren Kirkegaard said, "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays," which is supported through Scripture:

Can our prayers change God's will?

Do our prayers have the power to change God's mind or redirect His will? From one of our Ask R.C. events, R.C. Sproul explains why we should bring our petitions before the sovereign Lord. When you have biblical and theological questions, just ask Ligonier.

Does prayer change God's mind?

The answer to the first is, no, God does not change His mind. The answer to the second is, yes, prayer changes things. So how can prayer change circumstances without changing God's mind? First of all, in order for God to change His mind, He would have to improve upon Himself in some way.

Does Prayer Influence God?

Therefore, the issue isn't if God answers our prayers because he does. The issue is whether or not our prayers, and ourselves, are abiding in God's will so that our prayers will be answered. We are the ones who need to have our wills changed according to his desires; not his will changed according to our prayers.

How Does Prayer Change Us?

Prayer changes us by making us closer to God and knowing Him better. The Holy Spirit guides us through prayer. The Bible tells us that Jesus assured us that after His resurrection, the Holy Spirit will be with us forever and that the Holy Spirit is all around us to give us wisdom in knowing God.

Does Prayer Change God's Mind?

The mind of God does not change for God does not change. Things change, and they change according to His sovereign will, which He exercises through secondary means and secondary activities. The prayer of His people is one of the means He uses to bring things to pass in this world.

Does Prayer Change God's Mind?

The prayer was instrumental in getting God to change his course of action. And that's consistent with the pattern of prayer throughout Scripture. As I've heard it said, "Prayer moves the arm that moves the world." Now, many people might ask at this point, "Well, what if Moses had refused to pray?"

When can our prayers change God's mind/will?

Firstly I believe that prayer can change God's mind. Like when Moses asked God to not smite the Israelites. But when can our prayers change the will/mind of god? I believe we have to pray that God's will be done, regardless of whether His will lines up with what we pray for.

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What is the purpose of prayer?

We can use prayer as a way of opening our hearts to God, not as a being living in an extra-dimensional heaven, but as the wellspring of creative energy within us and the universe. By quieting our minds, we can open ourselves to experience this divine ground directly.

What did God say about praying?

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." ... "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

Why is prayer as a relationship with God important?

Prayer Changes Us When we spend time with God, He is working to change our heart to be more like His. The more time we spend with Him, the more we are like Him. Our habits and lifestyles change. We no longer live a self-centered life, but one that is focused on others with a pure and sincere heart.

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