

Keep Praying!

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Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope. **Luke 18:1 (ICB)**

But when the Son of Man comes again, will he find those on earth who believe in him? **Luke 18:8b (ICB)**

The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. **1 Peter 4:7 (NLT)**

Why should I keep praying?

1. Because God will keep me going. (v.1)

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up. **Luke 18:1 (CEV)**

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. **Luke 5:16 (NIV)**

...Keep on praying that you may not be tempted. **Luke 22:40 (ISV)**

Why are you sleeping? he asked them. Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. **Luke 22:46 (NLT)**

Turn your worries over to the Lord. He will keep you going. He will never let godly people be shaken. **Psalms 55:22 (NIRV)**

2. Because God cares about me. (v.7)

Once there was a judge in a town. He did not care about God. He also did not care what people thought about him. ³ In that same town there was a widow who kept coming to this judge. She said, 'There is a man who is not being fair to me. Give me my rights!' ⁴ But the judge did not want to help the widow. **Luke 18:2-4a (ICB)**

*After a long time, he thought to himself, 'I don't care about God. And I don't care about what people think. ⁵ But this widow is bothering me. I will see that she gets her rights, or she will bother me until I am worn out!' **Luke 18:4b-5 (ICB)***

*Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet." **Luke 18:6-8 (MSG)***

Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. **1 Peter 5:7 (TLB)**

3. Because God will answer my prayer. (v.7-8)

*God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them. ⁸ I tell you, God will help his people quickly. But when the Son of Man comes again, will he find those on earth who believe in him? **Luke 18:7-8 (NCV)***

*How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? ³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death. **Psalms 13:1-3 (NIV)***

*So let us keep on coming boldly to the throne of grace, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. **Hebrews 4:16 (ISV)***

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)***