

# Young Boy Praying

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2 Nephi 32:9; Alma 34:18–27; 37:36–37; 3 Nephi 18:19–20

*Be thou humble; and the Lord thy God shall lead thee by the hand, and give thee answer to thy prayers.* Doctrine and Covenants 112:10

Heavenly Father has commanded us to pray so that we can grow closer to Him, feel His protecting care, receive direction and support in our lives, and ultimately obtain exaltation and eternal life (see Alma 37:36–37). God wants us to pray to Him always so He can bless us in all aspects of our lives (see 2 Nephi 32:9; Alma 34:18–27).

Heavenly Father has promised to always listen to our prayers and answer them: “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in [Jesus’s] name, which is right, believing that ye shall receive, behold it shall be given unto you” (3 Nephi 18:20). As we pray we should also express our love and gratitude to God for all of life’s blessings. Through prayer we become more receptive to promptings and inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

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## Summary

Heavenly Father wants each of His children to pray to Him. We should thank Him every morning and every evening for the blessings He has given us, and we can ask for special help from

Him. Heavenly Father loves all of His children and will answer our prayers. When we pray to Him, we receive comfort and direction from the Holy Ghost.

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