

1) About how much time do you spend in focused prayer on a typical day? **Do not count time** while driving, or standing in a line, or doing other activities. Only count the time you are completely focused on prayer.

461 Answered

13.7% - none	
24.6% - about 2 minutes	
27.4% - about 5 minutes	
24.4% - about 10 minutes	2 Minutes or Less – 38.3%
6.6% - about 30 minutes	5 Minutes or Less – 65.7%
0.9% - about 1 hour	10 Minutes or Less – 90.1%
1.1% - about 2 or more hours	
1.3% - Did not answer	

2) If you do spend time in completely focused prayer, do you have a specific location where you regularly do this? 454 Answered

42.0% - yes
 55.2% - no
 2.8% - Did not answer

3) Aside from the time spent specifically on focused prayer (Question #1), approximately how much time do you spend praying while doing other things? **Please only count time that you are praying while you are also doing other things** such as driving, standing in a line, or other activities.

I pray this way approximately **5.8** times in an average day. 429 Answered

4.5%	-0	12.6%	-6 to 10
29.6%	-1 to 2	7.1%	-11+
38.1%	-3 to 5	8.1%	-Did not answer

I pray this way approximately _____ total minutes in an average day. 405 Answered

4.1%	-0	17.8%	-11 to 20
11.1%	-1 to 2	10.7%	-21 to 50
18.2%	-3 to 5	5.8%	-51+
19.1%	-6 to 10	13.3%	-Did not answer

4) Would you say that you are satisfied, at the present time, with your prayer life? 462 Answered

16.3% - yes
 82.7% - no
 1.1% - Did not answer

5) How would you self-rate your prayer life? 464 Answered

3.2% - mature	
19.1% - good	Good or Mature – 22.3%
42.0% - fair	Poor or Fair – 77.1%
35.1% - poor	
0.6% - Did not answer	

6) Approximately how much of your life as a Christian can you honestly say that you have had at least a good prayer life?

464 Answered

12.6% - I have never had a good prayer life	Small portion or never – 51.4%
38.8% - A small portion of my Christian life	Less than half and below – 79.7%
28.3% - Less than half	More than half and above – 19.7%
17.8% - A majority of the time	
1.9% - All of my Christian life I have had a good prayer life	
0.6% - Did not answer	

- 7) If you are not satisfied with your prayer life, how motivated are you to improve? 455 Answered
- 5.1% - I am not particularly motivated to improve.
 - 4.5% - I am not satisfied, but it seems like it would be too difficult to improve.
 - 10.1% - It sounds good, but I am already overloaded with my day-to-day responsibilities.
 - 23.6% - If it was doable without being overly burdensome, I would definitely like to improve.
 - 49.5% - I am willing to do whatever it takes to develop a better prayer life.
 - 4.7% - As previously stated, I am satisfied.
 - 2.6% - Did not answer

“If not overly burdensome” and “Whatever it takes” – 73.0%

“Sounds good” and “If not overly burdensome” and “Whatever it takes” - 83.1%

- 8) How many Christian friends (of your gender) do you currently have that you feel you can be completely open with?

451	Answered	13.7%	-0	82.9%	Have one or more Christian friends that they can confide in, or be totally open with
3.7	Average	33.0%	-1 or 2		
3.4%	Did not answer	34.3%	-3 to 5		
		11.6%	-6 to 10		
		4.1%	-11+		

- 9) If you answered one or more to question #8, how many do you meet with regularly for help living out your faith?

399	Answered	38.6%	-0	82.9%	Have someone to meet
2.0	Average	39.6%	-1 or 2		With (from question 8)
14.6%	Did not answer	14.0%	-3 to 5	61.4%	Of those who have people they can confide in, 61.4% are actually meeting regularly with one or more of them, to help each other live for Christ
		7.8%	-6+	52.5%	Of the entire group represented in this report have people to confide in, and meet regularly with them for mutual Christian support.

Consequently, **47.5%** of the entire group represented here are not meeting regularly (with Christians they can confide in) for help living out their Christian faith, in the midst of this spiritual battle.

- 10) On average how many **times per week** do you travel to church for a service or meeting? *Write Answer In Box*

461	Answered	2.8%	-0
1.4	Average	66.2%	-1
1.3%	Did not answer	23.8%	-2
		6.0%	-3+

11) Of the following categories of prayer (or types of prayer), please fill in the circle **which most closely represents** your personal prayer practices for that type of prayer.

D = Daily or Weekly S = Semi Regularly (at least once a month) O = Occasionally (once in a while, rarely or never)

D	S	O	Question	Answered	% Did not answer
47.3%	27.6%	22.1%	Prayers Of Confession Before God	453	3.0%
56.3%	26.1%	14.8%	Prayers Of Worship To God	454	2.8%
53.5%	34.9%	9.4%	For God's Guidance In Important Life Decisions	457	2.1%
31.0%	39.6%	27.2%	Prayers For Deeper Spiritual Growth For Myself	457	2.1%
31.0%	39.6%	27.2%	Prayers For The Medical Needs Of My Family	458	1.9%
31.9%	44.5%	21.6%	Non-medical Needs For Myself Or My Family	454	2.8%
43.9%	36.8%	16.5%	Prayers For Various Needs of Friends/Church Members	457	2.1%
19.3%	30.2%	46.7%	Seeking the Lord by listening to Him in silent prayer	449	3.9%

Personal Prayer - 82.7%

Strategic Prayer - 17.3%

D	S	O	Question	Answered	% Did not answer
4.5%	16.5%	74.7%	Prayers For Orphaned Children	447	4.3%
3.6%	13.7%	78.4%	For Persecuted Or Imprisoned Christians	447	4.3%
4.9%	18.8%	71.5%	Prayers For Missionaries By Name	445	4.7%
1.7%	2.8%	89.3%	For the US Supreme Court Justices By Name	438	6.2%
4.1%	23.3%	67.9%	For The Lord To Raise Up Workers	445	4.7%
2.4%	12.8%	79.7%	For The Issue Of Abortion	444	4.9%
8.4%	30.2%	57.0%	For Unreached People Groups	446	4.5%
7.3%	29.6%	58.7%	For The Nations Of The World	447	4.3%

12) How strong or intimate is your personal relationship with the Lord? **462** Answered

0.9% I have never had a deep personal relationship with the Lord but don't feel a need.

6.6% I have never felt like I had a deep personal relationship with the Lord, but wish I could.

46.0% **I have felt close to the Lord from time to time, but have not been able to feel this way consistently.**

26.1% My personal relationship with the Lord is pretty deep.

12.4% My personal relationship with the Lord is deep.

6.9% My personal relationship with the Lord is extremely deep.

1.1% Did not answer

Deep and Extremely Deep – 19.3%

Pretty Deep – 26.1%

Never, Never - 7.5%

13) In the last 12 months, approximately how many corporate prayer meetings did you attend? **440** Answered

8.4% About weekly 63.8% -0 -4.5% -27 to 49

74.5% 0, 1 or 2 7.5% -1 2.4% -50 to 52

5.8% Did not Answer 3.2% -2 2.6% -53+

6.9% -3 to 6

80% 0, 1 or 2 and 3.6% -7 to 12 8.4% -27 and Up

Did Not Answer 9.6% -13 to 26

14) Have you ever had first-hand knowledge of someone being supernaturally healed? First-hand knowledge basically means you knew the person, were an acquaintance of the person, or were present when the healing took place.

44.1% Yes

1.3%

Did Not Answer

54.6% No

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Answered

- 15) Acknowledging that it will look different for different people (different seasons of life, different personalities, different likes and dislikes), do you believe that God wants all of His true followers to have a good prayer life? 462 Answered
 94.4% - yes
 3.9% - possibly If no, or possibly, could you please explain 1.1% written explanation
 0.6% - no
 1.1% - Did not answer

- 16) If the leadership of your church were to ask you to join them each month for a (non-boring) corporate prayer meeting, focusing on various strategic subject matter, how likely would you be to join them in this regular time of group prayer? 463 Answered
 16.1% - would prefer not to
 57.0% - somewhat likely
 26.1% - very likely
 0.9% - Did not answer

- 17) Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5 how strongly the following items interfere with your prayer life: (5=Most Interference)

4 or 5	3, 4, or 5	Question	1	2	3	4	5	No Answer	Answered
10.1%	35.8%	My lack of desire to pray	38.1%	23.8%	25.7%	7.1%	3.0%	2.4%	456
13.1%	31.5%	Not knowing what to pray	43.3%	23.6%	18.4%	9.2%	3.9%	1.7%	459
28.5%	57.2%	A lack of accountability	21.0%	19.5%	28.7%	19.3%	9.2%	2.4%	456
53.7%	75.8%	Not making sufficient time	11.3%	11.3%	22.1%	24.8%	28.9%	1.5%	460
28.1%	49.5%	Not having enough time	27.8%	19.9%	21.4%	18.2%	9.9%	2.8%	454
9.4%	20.6%	Discouraged/Unanswered	51.2%	25.9%	11.1%	6.4%	3.0%	2.4%	456
17.3%	35.8%	Never taught	41.1%	20.8%	18.4%	8.8%	8.6%	2.4%	456

- 18) Knowing the Bible explains we are engaged in a spiritual battle with unseen “spiritual forces of evil,” do you believe these forces are, in some way, interfering with your consistency and effectiveness in prayer?

44.1% Yes 461 Answered
 34.7% Possibly 1.3% Did not answer
 13.5% I doubt it
 6.4% I have no way to know 78.8% Yes and Possibly

- 19) Do you think sin makes our prayers less powerful, or in some way hinders God from answering them?

33.8% Yes 60.0% Yes and Possibly
 26.1% Possibly 1.1% Did Not Answer
 39.0% No 462 Answered

- 20) Assuming that sinful choices and actions do weaken a Christian’s prayers, how much were your prayers, in the last month, weakened by sin in your life? 456 Answered

3.0% - a huge amount
 11.6% - a lot
 17.8% - pretty much
 37.7% - a little
 24.0% - I am aware of my sinful nature, but feeling victorious over the obvious sins
 3.6% - I am as close to clean as possible (I thank God for His help sanctifying my life.)
 2.4% - Did not answer

Pretty much or more – 32.3%
 Aware and close – 27.6%

21) Outside of church, about how many days a week do you read from the Bible? 2.3 Average 442 Answered

31.3%	-0	4.3%	-4	22.3%	5-7 times per week
17.8%	-1	7.1%	-5	58.9%	0-2 times per week
9.9%	-2	4.5%	-6	64.2%	0-2 times per week and Did not answer
9.0%	-3	10.7%	-7	5.4%	Did not answer

22) How well would you say you know the Bible? 461 Answered

- 11.3% - Poorly (*I know very little about the Bible.*)
- 39.8% - Somewhat (*I have a basic familiarity with some of the Bible.*)
- 28.7% - Pretty well (*I am comfortable that I have some good Bible knowledge.*)
- 16.5% - Well (*I can hold my own in a group discussion, or group Bible study.*)
- 2.4% - Extremely well (*Through time & training, I have been able to master great quantities of Biblical knowledge.*)
- 1.3% - Did not answer

 Poorly or somewhat – 51.2%

23) How many days in a typical month, do you pray with your spouse (not counting grace at meals)?

37.0%	0	294	Answered
11.1%	1-2	37.0%	Did not answer
4.7%	3-5		
3.9%	6-10		
6.2%	11+		

14.8% of this group prays with their spouse three or more times a month & **10.1%** of this group prays with their spouse at least six times a month

24) If you have children at home, approximately how many days in a typical month do you or your spouse, have family devotions with one or more of the children? 444 Answered

26.8%	0	4.9%	Did not answer
4.7%	1-2		
2.8%	3-5	51.6%	I don't have any children at home
1.7%	6-10	4.9%	All children at home are too young to have devotions
2.4%	11+		

Of those households with children at home (old enough to have devotions), **69.8%** do not have devotions with their children even one day a month.

Of those households with children at home **10.6%** have a parent having family devotions with their children six or more times a month.

25) Do you think fasting is still relevant for Christians to practice today? 458 Answered

49.0%	Yes	1.9%	Did not answer
36.6%	Possibly	85.7%	Yes and Possibly
12.4%	No		

26) Do you have a good understanding of reasons why some Christians fast? 461 Answered

56.5%	Yes	1.3%	Did not answer
22.7%	Possibly	79.2%	Yes and Possibly
19.5%	No		

27) Have you ever fasted for spiritual reasons? 458 Answered

- 44.1% - yes
- 54.0% - no
- 1.3% - did not answer

28) If you have fasted for spiritual reasons, approximately how frequently did you (or do you) fast? 436 Answered

55.9%	Does not apply	2.8%	Monthly
21.0%	Once per year	2.6%	Weekly
10.9%	A few times per year	0.2%	More than once a week
6.6%	Did not answer	5.6%	Monthly, weekly, more than weekly

29) What is the longest period of time that you practiced regular fasting (regular fasting is considered any month that you fasted one or more times). In other words, how many months or years consecutively did you fast at least once each month

73.4%	- I have never participated in this discipline	3.2%	- between one year and three years
12.6%	- a few months	3.2%	- three years or more
3.4%	- about a year		
448	Answered	4.1%	- did not answer

30) If the leadership of your church asked you to begin fasting with them for one **meal** every month (on an ongoing basis) how likely would you be to join them in this regular fast?

458 Answered
1.9% - did not answer
12.2% - would prefer not to
3.6% - should not participate for medical reasons
41.5% - somewhat likely
40.7% - very likely

31) If the leadership of your church asked you to begin fasting with them for one **day** every month (on an ongoing basis) how likely would you be to join them in this regular fast?

437 Answered
6.4% - did not answer
18.0% - would prefer not to
6.0% - should not participate for medical reasons
42.6% - somewhat likely
27.0% - very likely

32) Do you believe Christians ought to tithe (give 10%) of their income to the Lord's work? 460 Answered

74.3%	- yes	93.6%	- yes and possibly
19.3%	- possibly	1.5%	- did not answer
4.9%	-no		

33) Have you ever participated in a Bible-based class on financial stewardship, read one or more books on the subject, or listened to an extensive teaching series on the subject? 457 Answered

58.2% - No
3.2% - I have started one of the above, but was not able to complete it.
18.4% - Yes I have, but I don't remember or use most of the principles the materials discussed.
18.0% - Yes, and I regularly use the principles that were taught.
2.1% - Did not answer

No, started, don't remember – 79.9%

34) Are you presently capable of answering a non-Christian's questions about the evidences for the validity of the Christian faith?

41.5%	- yes	11.1%	- no
44.3%	- possibly	3.0%	- did not answer
85.9%	Yes and possibly	453	Answered

35) Have you ever been used of God to lead someone to repentance, and salvation in Christ? 453 Answered

41.3% - yes
55.7% - no
3.0% - did not answer

If you answered yes to question #35 about how many times have you? 172 Answered

1.1%	- 0	2.8%	- 6 to 10
20.1%	-1 to 2	3.6%	- 11+
9.0%	-3 to 5		

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age 442
 70+ - 3.0%
 50-69 -28.1%
 30-49 - 33.4%
 21-29 - 16.9%
 16-20 - 8.8%
 13-15 - 1.9%
 12 and under - 2.6%
 Did not answer - 5.4%

Gender 438
 Male - 43.3%
 Female - 50.5%
 Did not answer - 6.2%

Marital Status - 409
 Single - 25.7%
 Married - 52.0%
 Remarried - 6.0%
 Other - 3.9%
 Did not answer - 12.4%

Age became a Christian
 50+ - 0.9%
 30-49 - 9.0%
 21-29 - 8.4%
 16-20 - 8.4%
 15 and under - 59.3%
 Did not answer -14.1%

Age became a serious Christian
 50+ - 5.6%
 30-49 - 20.3%
 21-29 - 16.7%
 16-20 - 10.3%
 15 and under - 23.1%
 Did not answer - 24.0%

Gap	Christian 20 and Under	Christian 21-30	Christian 31+	Total
No Gap	6.9%	3.0%	4.1%	13.9%
1 to 3 Year Gap	5.8%	1.9%	1.1%	8.8%
4 to 9 Year Gap	14.8%	0.6%	5.4%	20.8%
10+ Year Gap	33.2%	1.3%	0.6%	35.1%
Negative Gap	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%
No Answer				21.0%

Highest Level Of Education Completed? 407
 1.9% - Didn't Finish High School
 16.5% - High School
 20.3% - Some College
 10.9% - Associates Degree
 24.0% - Bachelors Degree
 11.8% - Masters Degree
 1.7% - Doctorate Degree
 Did not answer - 12.8%

How many children live at home with you presently? 388
 38.3% - 0
 15.8% - 1
 13.3% - 2
 8.6% - 3
 1.5% - 4
 1.5% -5+
 16.9% - did not answer
 40.7% - have 1 or more children at home

Household Income - 347 (optional)
 Lower - 7.9%
 Lower Middle - 33.4%
 25.7% - Did not answer

Upper Middle - 29.8%
 Upper - 3.2%

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