



PRAYER LIFE | Devotional Prayers

Devotional prayer is talking to God the way you would to a friend. Share what's on your mind; discuss what's happening in your life. Talk about what you feel and what you think; share your concerns and your joys. Try reading a chapter from *The Desire of Ages* or a passage of Scripture and put yourself in the picture, praying as you read, praying about what you read. Listen for God's response; let Him guide your thoughts. He'll show you how the story you're reading applies to your own life and needs.

When you've finished your side of the conversation, wait. Listen with your mind. Many people have discovered that God guides their thoughts in a personal, specific way, communicating to them in the quiet of their own hearts.

Devotional prayer can be two-way in an even more exciting way than the usual request and response. As we slow down and take the time to commune with God, He will respond in communion with us. He is willing to spend just as much time in fellowship with us as we are willing to spend with Him. We are always the ones who set the limits on the relationship. He never does.

Source: Morris L. Venden. The Answer is Prayer. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Boise, Idaho, 1988. 190 pp.