

Pray!

Scripture: 1 John 5:14–15

Introduction: Abraham Lincoln wrote, “I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My wisdom, and all that about me, seemed insufficient for the day.” Do you feel your prayers are connecting with God? If not, put John’s counsel to work.

1. **Be confident when you approach God** (v. 14)
2. **Ask anything you want of God** (v. 14)
3. **Seek to know if what you’re asking for is the will of God** (v. 14)
4. **Believe that you are heard by God** (v. 14)
5. **Expect that your answer will come from God** (v. 15)

Conclusion: Prayer is a relationship God wants to develop with His children. It needn’t become stale or boring. All we need to do is be intentional and full of assurance. As much as we need to pray, God wants to answer our prayers.