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1 John 5:14-15

Sometimes our prayers are filled more with doubt than with confidence. We know that for God to answer our requests, our prayers must be in line with His will. However, wondering if we are praying according to His will can trip us up, and faced with the uncertainty, we will occasionally fall silent.

God's will is for each of us to have a healthy relationship with Him through His Son Jesus Christ. That means knowing the Father with increasing intimacy and progressively becoming more and more like Jesus. By focusing our prayers on having this type of relationship with the Lord, it becomes easier to know what to pray. Simply find a scripture that tells you something about God's character, and pray that for others and for yourself. The results are:

- *You can pray with confidence because God wants His children to be like Jesus Christ.*
- *You can pray expectantly because you know He will work out His will in our lives.*
- *You can cooperate with the Holy Spirit while He works to develop the same quality in you.*

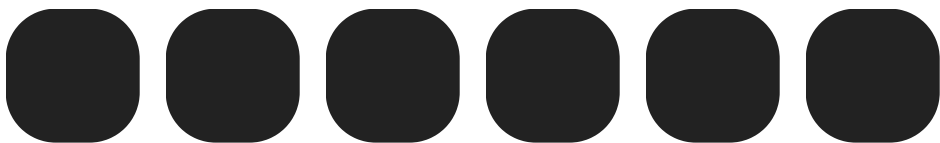
Prayer is not a game of "I Spy," where we have to guess when to talk to the Lord or about what. Scripture is full of God's attributes and His desires for our lives. Pick one and start praying. Then watch what God does in response. Prayer gains access to the proud spirit,

to the hardened heart, to the unbelieving mind; there are no walls too high or thick for Him to breach. So pray God's will and watch lives change—especially your own.

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