

Questions for Personal and Small Group Reflection

Review Isaac Watts' seven reasons to plead with the Lord to hear our prayers.

1. Because of the **greatness of our needs** (we are so poor, weak, destitute)
2. Because of the **greatness of our God** (all powerful, all wise, all good, etc.)
3. Because of the **various relationships God has with us and the commitments that flow from those** (He is our Father, our Maker, our King, our Deliverer...)
4. Because of the **promises** He has made (remember the covenant you've made with us, remember the promises you've sworn to us.)
5. Because of the **honor** of God (what will those who don't know you think if you do not act?)
6. Because of the **past experiences** of others and ourselves (remember how you delivered your people in the past)
7. Because **we bear the name of the Lord Jesus Christ** (we are in Christ. Remember what He has done for us. Hear us because you hear Him.)

Walk through your life and specific needs. Write each need under one of the seven reasons Isaac Watts mentioned. Now take 10 minutes to pray through those needs, reminding your Father of your great need, His great ability, your relationship to Him, His mighty promises, how answering this would cause others to see His glory, what He has done in the past, and your life in Christ.