

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS ...

## **THE CRY OF MY HEART**

Luke 1:5-25

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*And they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years. Luke 1:6-7*

**Would you like to start getting your prayers answered?**

### **1. Pray with purity.**

A. Your heart has to be right.

*If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.  
Psalm 66:18*

B. Your relationship with God has to be growing.

*The effective prayer of a **righteous** man can accomplish much.  
James 6:16*

### **2. Pray with honesty.**

A. Share your deepest needs and desires with God.

*Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before  
Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8*

B. Remember that God is a good God.

*Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the  
desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4*

### **3. Pray with expectation.**

*Call to Me, **and I will answer you**, and show you great and mighty  
things, which you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV*

A. Don't get derailed with delays.

*But as for me, I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. Psalm 71:14*

B. Don't stop doing what is right.

*Now it came about, while he was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his division ... Luke 1:8*

*And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. Galatians 6:9*

C. Don't lose sight of God's great heart.

*But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. Luke 1:13*

*Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory ... Ephesians 3:20-21*

**God is faithful to answer prayer. Will you be faithful to pray?**