

# Authentic Christianity:

## A Christian Prays

Wylie Methodist Church

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### 1. PRAYER CONNECTS OUR HEART TO GOD'S

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17 pray continually (without ceasing)...

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### 3. PRAYER IS A TWO-WAY CONVERSATION

#### Romans 8:26-27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.