

# Is prayer useful?

## The problem of petitionary prayer:

*Petitionary* prayer is when you *ask* God for something, like if someone is sick and you ask God to help them get better.

Some people think petitionary prayer is useless. This is what they say:

- If God doesn't exist, then there is no one to pray to. So petitionary prayer is useless.
- Even if God does exist, if you ask God for something good, then God was going to do it anyway, because God is good and does good things. So, there's no point asking God for something good. So praying for something good is useless.
- Even if God does exist, if you ask God for something bad, then God wouldn't do that, because God is good and doesn't do bad things. So, there's no point asking God for something bad. So praying for something bad is useless.

