**Introduction**

**I Believe in God, but…**

I don’t think He listens.

**LIES ALL LIES!**

Look up each of these passages and identify the lie the devil used against a child of God.

* Genesis 3:1-14
* Genesis 12:10-20
* Mark 14:66-72

Now remember the lessons we have already worked through- identify where the father of lies has plied his craft against you.

* I believe in God but I don’t think he is fair.
* I believe in God but I am not sure he loves me.
* I believe in God but I still worry all the time.

Things that make us doubt God’s power, his promises, his goodness of his Word and his will for

our lives—are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the devil!

**PROBLEMS WITH PRAYER**

What problems and struggles do you have with prayer?

As you look over that list, identify the lie that Satan is using in each to undo your prayer life.

**A LOOK AT PRAYER**

**What is it…**

Psalm 19:14

Daniel 9:3, 19

Matthew 15:8-9

*Prayer is…*

**GOD’S PROMISES ABOUT PRAYER**

Psalm 145:18-19

James 5:17/ Psalm 50:15/ Genesis 18:16-33/ 2 Samuel 11:15-23

John 2:1-4/ Mark 7:24-30/ Job 40:1-14

**WHY PRAY?**

How does the definition of prayer above give us reason for why we pray? (Psalm 27:8-9)

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Matthew 7:7-8

Psalm 3/ Luke 22:39-46/ Luke 18:13/ Genesis 18:23-32/ Matthew 8:6

Now, go back to your list of struggles with prayer and the lies Satan uses against us. For each lie, write down the truth God gives us about our prayers and our prayer life.

**HOW CAN I BE A BETTER PRAY-ER?**

* Daniel 6:10
* Matthew 14:23

**WE PRAY**

**Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire**

**Unmuttered and expressed**

**The motion of the Hidden Fire**

**That trembles in the breast.**

**Prayer is the burden of a sigh**

**The falling of a tear**

**The upward glancing of an eye,**

**When none but God is near.**

**Prayer is the Christians vital breath,**

**The Christians native air,**

**His watchword at the gates of death—**

**He enter heaven with prayer.**

**(The Lutheran Hymnal 454: 1, 2, 5)**