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Here's Hope  
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### Reasons to Pray

If you are not praying, then you are still depending on what you can do, not what God can do. You are still trusting yourself; and, you might reconsider trusting the "goodness" of your fellow man. All of us are corrupted and corruptible. Even the best of us have streaks of badness. Please don't misunderstand. I am NOT saying that you should just be a loner. On the contrary, I'm suggesting just the opposite. We so very much need each other. But the trust we put in God and the trust we put in people are vastly different. He is trustable. He is worthy of our calling out. He can and so often does, ease our pain. So call out to Him. Express your trust of Him in prayer. Whatever you do, don't "go it alone."

If we are not, we are by-passing one of our best assets. That would be prayer. And, we are passing by God, who can really, really help us. This would be comparable to not using electricity... preferring to do it on our own.

Here's another reason to pray. This is God's chosen way to work. You may not like it or agree, but God works this way. You may not have time to pray, but God works this way. You may not understand it, or feel it a waste, but it is still God's chosen way. God honors prayer.

Last, prayer is exercising your "hope" muscles. As you pray, you lift up those things you are hoping for. You are expressing your faith. Watch this! You are not just "having" faith, you are "expressing" faith in prayer. And when you hope, you are not stuck... mired in square one. You are moving. If you believe enough to ask for it - you believe.

Here's a reminder, as well. Very often God does not give us what we ask for... He gives us something much better!

So... pray! God cares, and you need His help.

I... am praying for you!  
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