

Need another word that means the same as “pray”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “pray” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Pray” are: beg, implore, say one's prayers, be at prayer, make one's devotions, invoke, call on, appeal to, entreat, beseech, ask earnestly, request earnestly, plead, crave, petition, solicit, supplicate, importune, please, if you please**

## Pray as a Verb

### Definitions of "Pray" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “pray” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Address a prayer to God or another deity.*
- *Address a deity, a prophet, a saint or an object of worship; say a prayer.*
- *Wish or hope strongly for a particular outcome or situation.*
- *Call upon in supplication; entreat.*



## Synonyms of "Pray" as a verb (18 Words)

**appeal to**

Take a court case to a higher court for review.

**ask earnestly**

Address a question to and expect an answer from.

**be at prayer**

Happen, occur, take place.

**beg**

Acquire food or money from someone by begging.  
*A young woman was **begging** in the street.*

**beseech**

Ask for or request earnestly.  
*They **beseached** him to stay.*

**call on**

Challenge (somebody) to make good on a statement; charge with or censure for an offense.

**crave**

Have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.  
*If only she had shown her daughter the love she **craved**.*

**entreat**

Ask earnestly or anxiously for (something).  
*His friends **entreated** him not to go.*

<b>implore</b>	Beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something. <i>Please don't talk that way Ellen <b>implored</b>.</i>
<b>importune</b>	Harass (someone) persistently for or to do something. <i>Reporters <b>importuned</b> him with pointed questions.</i>
<b><u>invoke</u></b>	Call on (a deity or spirit) in prayer, as a witness, or for inspiration. <i>She <b>invoked</b> an ancient law.</i>
<b>make one's devotions</b>	Prepare for eating by applying heat.
<b><u>petition</u></b>	Write a petition for something to somebody request formally and in writing. <i>The islanders <b>petitioned</b> the government to help them leave St Kilda.</i>
<b><u>plead</u></b>	Make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding especially answer the previous pleading of the other party by denying facts therein stated or by alleging new facts. <i>She was <b>pleading</b> insanity.</i>
<b>request earnestly</b>	Express the need or desire for; ask for.
<b>say one's prayers</b>	Express a supposition.
<b><u>solicit</u></b>	Make a solicitation or entreaty for something request urgently or persistently. <i>Historians and critics are <b>solicited</b> for opinions by the auction houses.</i>
<b>supplicate</b>	Ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly. <i>The plutocracy <b>supplicated</b> to be made peers.</i>



### **Usage Examples of "Pray" as a verb**

- *I prayed that James wouldn't notice.*
- *After several days of rain, we were praying for sun.*
- *Pray to the Lord.*
- *The whole family are praying for Michael.*



## Pray as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Pray" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "pray" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *Used as a way of adding ironic or sarcastic emphasis to a question.*
- *Used as a preface to polite requests or instructions.*



## Synonyms of "Pray" as an adverb (2 Words)

**if you please** Used in polite request.

**please** Used to agree politely to a request.  
*Please please come home.*



## Usage Examples of "Pray" as an adverb

- *Ladies and gentlemen, pray be seated.*
- *And what, pray, was the purpose of that?*



## Associations of "Pray" (30 Words)

<b>appeal</b>	The quality of being attractive or interesting. <i>A public <b>appeal</b> to raise 120 000.</i>
<b>atheism</b>	A lack of belief in the existence of God or gods.
<b><u>atheist</u></b>	A person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods. <i>He is a committed <b>atheist</b>.</i>
<b>atheistic</b>	Disbelieving or lacking belief in the existence of God. <i>Some were preoccupied with God others were <b>atheistic</b> to the core.</i>
<b><u>beg</u></b>	Acquire food or money from someone by begging. <i>He <b>begged</b> their forgiveness.</i>
<b><u>beseech</u></b>	Ask for or request earnestly. <i>They <b>beseched</b> him to stay.</i>



<b>cadge</b>	Obtain or seek to obtain by cadging or wheedling. <i>He <b>cadged</b> fivers off old school friends.</i>
<b>conjure</b>	Cause (a spirit or ghost) to appear by means of a magic ritual. <i>She had forgotten how to <b>conjure</b> up the image of her mother's face.</i>
<b>deist</b>	A person who believes that God created the universe and then abandoned it.
<b>entreaty</b>	An earnest or humble request. <i>An <b>entreaty</b> to stop the fighting.</i>
<b>gentile</b>	(of a person) not belonging to one's own religious community. <i>Christians refer to themselves as <b>gentiles</b>.</i>
<b>heathen</b>	Relating to heathens. <i>A chance of salvation for the <b>heathen</b>.</i>
<b>heretic</b>	A person who holds religious beliefs in conflict with the dogma of the Roman Catholic Church.
<b>heretical</b>	Holding an opinion at odds with what is generally accepted. <i><b>Heretical</b> beliefs.</i>
<b>idolatry</b>	Religious zeal; the willingness to serve God. <i>We must not allow our <b>idolatry</b> of art to obscure issues of political significance.</i>
<b>implore</b>	Beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something. <i>He <b>implored</b> her to change her mind.</i>
<b>infidel</b>	A person who has no religion or whose religion is not that of the majority. <i>A crusade against <b>infidels</b> and heretics.</i>
<b>irreligious</b>	Hostile or indifferent to religion. <i>An <b>irreligious</b> man.</i>
<b>monotheism</b>	The doctrine or belief that there is only one God.
<b>pagan</b>	Relating to pagans or their beliefs. <i>A Muslim majority had to live in close proximity to large communities of Christians and <b>pagans</b>.</i>
<b>pantheon</b>	All the gods of a people or religion collectively. <i>The deities of the Hindu <b>pantheon</b>.</i>
<b>plea</b>	A request made in an urgent and emotional manner. <i>He made a dramatic <b>plea</b> for disarmament.</i>
<b>plead</b>	Make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding especially answer the previous pleading of the other party by denying facts therein stated or by alleging new facts. <i>On trial for attempted murder she <b>pleaded</b> self defence.</i>

- please** Used in polite or emphatic acceptance of an offer.  
*He arranged a fishing trip to **please** his son.*
- polytheism** The belief in or worship of more than one god.  
*The **polytheism** of the ancient Near East.*
- prayer** The act of communicating with a deity (especially as a petition or in adoration or contrition or thanksgiving).  
*It is our **prayer** that the current progress on human rights will be sustained.*
- solicitation** The act of asking for or trying to obtain something from someone.  
*People objected to receiving telephone **solicitations**.*
- suppliant** A person making a humble or earnest plea to someone in power or authority.  
*Their faces were wary and **suppliant**.*
- supplicant** A person making a humble or earnest plea to someone in power or authority.  
*A **supplicant** serf before an ill tempered monarch.*
- supplicate** Ask humbly (for something).  
***Supplicate** for permission.*

