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II. TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING IS GOD’S _____.

A. The 3 Verses are in the Imperative Mood in Greek.

1. God _____ us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks.
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III. IT MEANS TO _____ CLOSE TO GOD.

A. Pray = Proseuche. To _____ immediately before God.

1. It conveys the sense of being immediately before Him in adoration, devotion, and _____.

B. We Must Learn to Pray _____ God.

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