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PRAYER MASTERY

A Field Guide to Efficient 1-99 Training - Bone Offering Protocol



SUBJECT	Prayer Training Protocol, plain bone offering through Gilded Altar burning.	SCOPE	F2P & P2P routes both covered; live game version, 2026.
ENTRY POINT	Level 1 Prayer	TARGET	Level 99 Prayer

Briefing. This dossier tracks Prayer training from plain F2P bone/ash offering through to a fully-built Gilded Altar with twin Gold Burners. **Every bonus-xp altar in the game - the Chaos Altar, the Ectofuntus, and the Gilded Altar - is members-only;** F2P accounts train at the base offering rate with no multiplier. **Entirely gold-gated rather than time-gated** on P2P - a fully-funded Gilded Altar run can clear 1-99 in roughly 15-25 hours of active play, among the fastest skills in the game by playtime.

PROGRESSION LADDER



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START



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SUPERIOR D. BONES



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ICON	TIER	LEVEL RANGE	METHOD	KEY REQUIREMENT
	F2P	1-99	Big Bones + Vile Ashes (no altar bonus exists in F2P)	None
	P2P I	1-99	Chaos Altar or Ectofuntus, Dragon Bones	Members
	P2P II ★	1-99	Gilded Altar, twin Gold Burners, Dragon/Superior D. Bones	Player-owned house + 75 Construction

Reading The Access Tags

- F2P** Free-to-Play - no membership required for this method.
- P2P** Pay-to-Play - requires an active OSRS membership.
- F2P & P2P** Identical method works on either account type.

F2P FREE-TO-PLAY ROUTE - BONE & ASH OFFERING

Free-to-Play Status

Contrary to some circulated guides, **no Prayer bonus-xp location is F2P-accessible**. The Chaos Temple altar F2P players can physically reach (Wilderness level 11) only restores prayer points and gives no offering bonus; the actual bone-offering Chaos Altar (deep Wilderness, level 38), the Ectofuntus, and the Gilded Altar are all members-only. F2P training is therefore always at the flat, unmultiplied offering rate - but alternating Big Bones and Vile Ashes still reaches a genuinely strong xp/hr, per the OSRS Wiki's dedicated F2P Prayer guide.

F2P ROUTE - BIG BONES + VILE ASHES

F2P

1 → 99



METHOD

Bury Big Bones (15 xp each) and scatter Vile Ashes (25 xp each) in alternating banking trips - no altar involved



LOCATION

Any bank

EST. TIME (THIS TIER)

~130-185 hrs for the full 1-99 route

REQUIREMENTS

None - both items are F2P-tradeable on the Grand Exchange

RATE

~70,000-100,000 xp/hr realistic combined (OSRS Wiki cites up to ~116,000 xp/hr in ideal conditions)

This is **far faster than plain Dragon Bone burying** (~13,000 xp/hr alone) precisely because it needs no altar and no membership. A slower, safer passive alternative exists at the Wilderness Bone Yard (~6,000 xp/hr, low risk); it is not competitive with the bury/scatter loop above.



MEMBERS ROUTE - CHAOS ALTAR / ECTOFUNTUS TO GILDED ALTAR

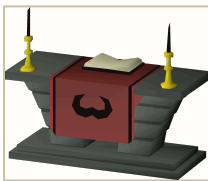
Members Bonus Altars

All three bonus-xp Prayer locations - Chaos Altar, Ectofuntus, and Gilded Altar - require membership. Dragon Bones themselves need no Prayer level to bury or offer (they can be used from level 1 if funded); Superior Dragon Bones require level 70 Prayer. Neither tier below is a strict level gate - they reflect what a typical account can afford and access at each stage, not a hard unlock.

TIER I - CHAOS ALTAR (WILDERNESS) OR ECTOFUNTUS

P2P

1 → 99 (early/budget option)



Chaos Altar, deep Wilderness (level 38) - OSRS Wiki



METHOD

Offer Dragon Bones at the Chaos Altar for 350% of base xp per bone, plus a ~50% chance each bone isn't consumed - an effective yield around 700% of base per bone actually spent

LOCATION

Chaos Temple, deep Wilderness (Chaos Altar) / Port Phasmatys (Ectofuntus)

REQUIREMENTS

Members; Wilderness level 38 for the Chaos Altar (PK risk) or Port Phasmatys for the safe, PK-free Ectofuntus (400% of base xp, no bone-preservation bonus)

RATE

Roughly the same order of magnitude as the Gilded Altar (several hundred thousand xp/hr with Dragon Bones); notably cheaper in GP per xp thanks to the bone-preservation bonus

EST. TIME (THIS TIER)

Varies with use - see Combined Estimate

PK risk at the Chaos Altar is real - carry nothing that can't be lost. Best used as the budget-friendly option before a Gilded Altar is built, or by players who prioritise GP efficiency over raw convenience. The Ectofuntus removes all risk but its worship routine is meaningfully slower in practice than manual altar offering.

FLAGSHIP ROUTE

TIER II - GILDED ALTAR, TWIN GOLD BURNERS

P2P

1 → 99 (flagship once built)



METHOD

Offer Dragon Bones (or, from level 70 Prayer, Superior Dragon Bones) at a Gilded Altar with both Gold Burners lit



LOCATION

Player-owned house Prayer room, via house portal near a bank

REQUIREMENTS

Player-owned house with 75 Construction to build the altar room; a bank near the house portal speeds banking

RATE

~600,000-650,000 xp/hr with Dragon Bones (manually offered, OSRS Wiki-cited); up to ~1,340,000 xp/hr with Superior Dragon Bones, though those are supply-limited

EST. TIME (THIS TIER)

~15-25 hrs for the full 1-99 route at this altar

Both Gold Burners lit gives **350% of base burying xp (a 3.5x multiplier)** - not an additional +350% on top of the base rate, a common mislabel. Superior Dragon Bones (Vorkath, 2 guaranteed per kill; rare Frost Dragon drop) push xp per bone noticeably higher but can't be bought in unlimited bulk. **The bone cost is substantial** either way - budget tens of millions of GP for a full run through this tier.

Field Note

Prayer is unusual among 1-99 skills in that **funding, not time, is the entire bottleneck** on P2P. A player who can afford enough bones can realistically finish a Gilded Altar grind from 1 to 99 in a single extended play week.



QUICK-REFERENCE RECAP

Combined Estimate

13,034,431 xp is needed for 1-99 Prayer. At the Gilded Altar's wiki-cited manual rate of ~642,600 xp/hr with Dragon Bones, that's **~20.3 hours** if trained there exclusively; mixing in the cheaper Chaos Altar early and any Superior Dragon Bones obtainable past level 70 realistically lands the full grind in the **~15-25 hour** range. This is noticeably higher than an earlier, unverified 8-15 hour figure for this route - but the underlying xp/hr rates themselves (350% Gilded Altar bonus, 600k-1.3M xp/hr) check out against the OSRS Wiki; it was the total-hours math that didn't reconcile with the real xp curve.

Efficiency & Pitfalls

- Buy bones in bulk ahead of a session rather than mid-session - Grand Exchange buy limits mean a single large order can take longer to fill than expected if placed under time pressure.
- Superior Dragon Bones (level 70 Prayer required to bury/offer) give noticeably more xp per bone than regular Dragon Bones at the Gilded Altar, but supply is bottlenecked by Vorkath/Frost Dragon kill rate - don't plan a whole grind around them.
- Both Gold Burners must be lit and stay lit for the full 350%-of-base bonus - check they haven't gone out after a long AFK stretch, since an unlit burner silently reduces the bonus without any obvious warning.
- At the Chaos Altar, never carry anything beyond the bones themselves and minimal risked items - the bone-preservation bonus isn't worth losing a full inventory to a PK.

Where This Fits

A Gilded Altar requires 75 Construction to build - see the **Construction Mastery** dossier if the player-owned house isn't built out yet. Offering bones from the Gilded Altar's nearby bank makes this one of the few endgame training methods that needs almost no travel once set up.

ICON	TIER	LEVEL RANGE	REQUIREMENT	LOCATION	RATE (XP/HR)	EST. TIME
	F2P - Big Bones + Vile Ashes	1-99	None	Any bank	~70k-100k	~130-185 hrs
	P2P I - Chaos Altar / Ectofuntus, Dragon Bones	1-99	Members	Deep Wilderness / Port Phasmatys	~500k-650k+	Budget/early option
	P2P II - Gilded Altar, Gold Burners ★	1-99	POH + 75 Construction	Player-owned house	~600k-1.34M	~15-25 hrs

All figures approximate. In-game xp rates, minigame rewards, and item prices fluctuate and were sourced from the OSRS Wiki and community efficiency guides current as of early September 2026. This dossier assumes full game access unless noted otherwise. Always confirm current mechanics in-game before committing to a specific method.

- OSRS Wiki - Prayer training
- OSRS Wiki - Pay-to-play Prayer training
- OSRS Wiki - Free-to-play Prayer training
- OSRS Wiki - Gilded altar
- OSRS Wiki - Chaos altar (Prayer)
- OSRS Wiki - Ectofuntus
- OSRS Wiki - Dragon bones
- OSRS Wiki - Superior dragon bones