

The Lord's Prayer

The method(s) and effectiveness of prayer is not based solely on "TIME" and/or "TECHNIQUE", although habitual fellowship (time) with God and knowledge of how to pray (God's instructions) are essential goals we should seek to understand to exercise fruitful prayer. Think of God as your best friend-your Father. How many of us have a best friend we rarely talk to, and more importantly, never listen to? Talk to your best friend and Father and listen to what He has to say. Father God wants you to be victorious in this life, and become all he has planned and called you to be. If praying is a new experience, you may want to start with just a few minutes each day and increase the time you spend with God as you grow in the Lord and as he leads. *For clarity, we recommend using the New American Standard Bible 1995, and the Amplified Bible (go to www.biblegateway.com) for researching the references throughout the Lord's Prayer Quick Note.*

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Communion with God (Communication)
Enoch walked in habitual fellowship with God
Fellowship with God
An expression of our love relationship
Dependence on God for everything

John 1:3
Genesis 5:22
1 John 1:3
Revelation 2:4
James 1:5

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER?

"MINISTRY" to God:

"While they were ministering to the Lord"
Speak to God

Acts 13:1-2
I Corinthians 14:2

"MINISTRY" to believers:

For edification
For healing. Elders anoint with oil

I Corinthians 14:12
James 5:14

"MINISTRY" to the lost:

Witness to lost
Witness to all men
Intercession

I Corinthians 14:22
Acts 1:8
James 5:14

"MINISTRY" for personal needs:

On behalf of all men
*...for your heavenly Father knows your
needs... ...seek first His kingdom*

I Timothy 2
Matthew 6:33

HOW DO WE PRAY?

When you pray, don't babble like the idolaters, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words. Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:7-8 HCBS

Have you ever wondered why Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer? There is great significance to this "model prayer" and it is not just a prayer for repetitious chanting. It is important to look closely for keys Christ has given us for communicating with our Father in Heaven.

...Pray, then, in this way:

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

(We approach God as a good father... as "our" good Father)

Ask God... In Jesus name (not for His sake).

In humility (supplication).

In faith believing (it may take time but believe)

With boldness have confidence through

the blood of Jesus.

Expecting answers.

With people in agreement (at times).

Be specific. Speak specifically to the mountain (problem).

Knowing God is your loving Father.

All loving. . .

All powerful. . .

John 16:23-24

Philippians 4:6

Mark 11:24

Hebrews 10:19

Jeremiah 33:3

Matthew 18:19

Mark 11:23

John 1:12

Psalms 138:2

Psalms 21:13

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

(Approach your Holy Father with PRAISE and THANKSGIVING)

In an attitude of thanksgiving.

In everything give thanks.

Approach God through praise.

With your mouth praise Him.

Lift your hands when you praise Him.

In praise and worship, offer up a sacrifice and praise.

We are created to praise Him.

Philippians 4:6

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Psalms 100:4

Psalms 34:1-3

1 Timothy 2:8

Hebrews 13:15

Revelation 4:11

THY KINGDOM COME

(Begin to "WORSHIP" your God)

Worship as the Elders.

God's first commandment to worship Him with all your heart and soul not just your lips.

Worship and God answers.

Worship in spirit and truth (not a specific place).

Worship and God heals. "Revere God as Lord".

Worship the Lord with reverence.

Worship God in holy array.

Worship in the Spirit of God, not the flesh.

Worship Him who lives forever.

Worship and the Spirit intercedes.

Revelation 4:10

Matthew 15:8

Matthew 22:37

John 4:24

Matthew 8:1-3

Psalms 2:11

Psalms 29:2

Philippians 3:3

Revelation 4:10

Romans 8:26

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

(Understand God's will and do it).

Pray in God's will and He hears.

Pray with correct motives.

Pray so that our Father is glorified.

Pray with purity of heart.

When unsure, pray in the Spirit.

Pray in the Spirit to edify yourself.

Abide in the Word and the Word in you.

Prayers will not be answered if they are out of God's will.

Sin in your heart.

From selfishness.

Doubt (ask in faith without doubt).

Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Disobedience.

Pride: in position, wealth, talent.

In humility.

Relationships out of order.

Do not give up. Persist.

1 John 5:14-15

James 4:3

John 14:13

Psalm 66:18-19

Romans 8:26-27

Jude 1:20

John 15:7

Psalm 66:18

James 4:3

James 1:5-7

Hebrews 11:6

Proverbs 28:9

Luke 18:11, 22

Proverbs 21:13

1 Peter 3:7

Luke 11:5-11

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

(God provides bread, answers to prayer, each day)

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Each day David prayed.

David prayed three times a day.

Pray fervently.

Persist in prayer.

Pray for specific needs name and speak your prayer.

Pray until the answer comes.

Petition for needs.

Ask and God intercedes for our good.

(The Lord conditionally forgives us) If we confess our sins.

If we repent from our evil ways.

Matthew 4:4

Psalm 5:3

Psalm 55:17

James 5:16

Luke 11:5-11

Mark 11:23

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Luke 11:3

Romans 8:26-28

1 John 1:9

2 Chronicles 7:14

Psalm 51:1-19

Psalm 38:18

2 Corinthians 7:10

Numbers 5:6-7

When we have Godly sorrow.

Godly sorrow produces repentance (change).

If we make restitution.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

(The conditions for God's mercy and answers to prayer)

We must confess sin.

1 John 1:9

Sin holds man in bondage.

Forgiveness releases them.

John 20:23

God pardons us.

Psalms 32:1-5

God renews our fellowship.

2 Corinthians 2:7-10

God heals us as we forgive & confess sin.

James 5:16

God cleanses us as we forgive.

James 5:15

We must forgive seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:22

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

("Lord", preserve us from the hand of Satan)

The Lord rescues us from temptation.

2 Peter 2:9

Satan tempts you because of your lack of self control.

1 Corinthians 7:5

Testing produces endurance.

James 1:13

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

(God's power delivers us from the Devil)

Deliver us from evil.

2 Timothy 4:18

From trials.

2 Timothy 3:11

From the domain of darkness.

Colossians 1:13

We war against spiritual darkness (be strong).

Ephesians 6:10

Take authority and bind Satan.

Matthew 18:18

God hears prayers of the righteous and is against those who do evil.

1 Peter 3:12

Jesus prayed we would be protected from evil.

John 17:15

... FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER, AMEN.

(God wants you to pray ...)

Call on Me and I will show you great and mighty things... Jeremiah 33:3

Therefore I tell you, Whatever you ask for in prayer, Believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

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