

PRAYER

(John 15:7 / I Tim. 2:1)

The act or practice of praying to God, an earnest request; entreaty; supplication. A humble and sincere request, an utterance to God, in praise, thanksgiving, confession, etc. Spiritual communion with God, something prayed for or requested. Dealing with personal needs and others needs, physically and spiritually.

FOUNDATION OF PRAYER (John 15:7)

- a. Remain in the Vine - (John 15:4-8)
life lived in close fellowship with God - apart from the vine, we can do NOTHING
branch gets strength from vine and so produces good fruit
no evidence of Godly life indicates not remaining (abiding) in the vine
- b. Submit to God
submit, draw nigh, humble yourself (Jam. 4:7-10)
confess your sins (Psa. 66:18; Isa. 59:2- I John 1:9)
allow God to work on your emotions and desires (Psa. 37:1-11)
spend time with God - seek Him (Matt. 6:33) - be always in prayer (Luke 18:1)
- c. Be Loving and Forgiving (Mark 11:25)
prayer of faith is cut off by unforgiveness
unforgiveness toward men will reap unforgiveness from God (Matt. 18:21-35)
- d. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions
as directed by the Holy Spirit - (John 16:13, I Cor. 2:10-14, I Cor.14.2, I Cor.14:14-15, Eph. 1:17-19)
praying in tongues speaks mysteries unto God - (I Cor. 14:2)
praying in tongues allows the Holy Spirit to pray through you (Rom. 8:26-27)
praying in tongues edifies or builds you up (I Cor. 14:4, Jude 1:20-21)
only then do we have the promise that "in all things God works for good" (Rom. 8:28)

DIFFERENT KINDS OF PRAYER (Eph. 6:18; I Tim. 2:1-4)

- a. **supplication:** To ask for favor, mercy, approaching God for favor with and in humility. Entreating, asking, seeking, to beseech.
- b. **prayers:** Addressing God in earnest and specifically, a devotion, unrestricted as to content
- c. **intercessions:** In behalf of another, in agreement, standing in the gap for another, prayer for the needs of another. To attack, reach the mark. (Rom. 15:1,2)
- d. **thanksgiving:** Expression of gratitude to God for favors already received or work already done. Speaks of rejoicing
- e. **corporate:** There is a different strength when people come together to pray (Matt. 18:20 Eccl. 4:12-Lev. 26:8-Deut. 32:30)
- f. **agreement:** A prayer specifically made in agreement with another for a specific purpose or towards an end result. (Matt.18:19)
- g. **in the Spirit:** Prayer which bypasses our minds and understanding and we pray from our spirits guided by the Holy Spirit, praying to God mysteries

SUBJECTS OF PRAYER (I Tim. 2:1-4)

- a. all men - supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks (I Tim. 2:1)
- b. pray for reconciliation for others - (II Cor. 5:20)
- c. kings and all in authority - so life may be peaceful (I Tim. 2:2)
- d. ministers - who lead, tend, teach and nurture in the Word (Heb. 13:7,17-18)
- e. all Christians - for deeper spiritual walk and understanding (Eph. 1:16-23; 3:14-19; 6:18)
- f. pray for one another - (Jam. 5:16)
- g. laborers - to be sent out (Matt. 9:38) - those who pray should be willing to go (Isa.6:8)
- h. self - so you can stand and overcome temptation to sin when attached (Mark 14:37-38, Luke 22:40,46) peter did not pray and later denied Christ. When under temptation or trial, increase your prayer
- i. for those who dispitefully use you and persecute you - (Luke 6:28)

- j. pray for "utterance", you and others - (II Thes. 3:1-2)
- k. pray to God for those who forsake you - (II Tim. 4:16)

HOW TO PRAY

Kneel, pray out loud, pray silently, be in a certain room. keep our eyes closed, pray loud, pray soft, etc.

Pattern for Prayer - (Matt. 6:9-13, Luke 11:2)

Having the right:

Relationship "Our Father" - towards God and body (Psa. 23)

Worship "Hallowed be your name" - recognizes who and what God is (Heb. 11:6)

Authority "Your name" - all prayer to be in Jesus' name - (John 16:23)

Desire "Your Kingdom come" - seeks Kingdom FIRST (Matt. 6:33)

"Your will be done" - Pray in God's will (I John 5:14,15)

"On earth as it is in heaven" - desire for world to conform to God will (II Pet. 3:9)

Requests "Give Us today our daily bread" - personal needs requested (Phil. 4:19- matt. 6:27-32)

Attitude Towards Sin, "Forgive us our debts" - repentance (I John 1:9)

Towards others, "As we forgive our debtors" - Forgive (Matt. 6:14,15)

Towards satan, "Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from the evil"

(Jam.1:14,15; 4:7-II Thes. 3:3)

Towards God, "Yours is the Kingdom, the power, the glory forever"

Pray to the Father in secret	(Matt. 6:6)
Do not pray vain repetitions	(Matt. 6:7)
Go to a secluded place to pray	(Acts 10:9; Luke 9:28)
Believe you receive your prayer	(Mark 11:24)
Watch and pray	(Luke 21:36)
Pray and not faint	(Luke 18:1)
Pray with humility	(Matt. 6:5)
Pray in tongues	(I Cor. 14:15 -Jude 20)
Pray in understanding	(I Cor. 14:15)
Pray that you do no evil	II Cor. 13:7)
Pray without ceasing	(I Thes. 5:17)
Pray without wrath or doubting	(I Tim. 2:8)
Pray when afflicted	(Jam. 5:13)
Pray to be blameless	(I Thes. 5:23)
Pray for knowledge, wisdom, understanding	(Col. 1:9)
Pray for love to abound	(Phil. 1:9)
Pray for interpretation of tongues	(I Cor. 14:13)

PRAYER KEYS

Praise and Worship All prayer should begin with God - Praise and worship who God is before praying

Must Believe All prayer should be in faith - pray expecting God to reveal His will (Matt. 21:22)

Personal Prayer ALWAYS requires time spent ALONE with God - (Luke 6:12)

Limitless The only limits to prayer is you and me. The promises of God are sure
(Luke 1:37 - II Cor. 1:20)

Praise God for the answer Once received by faith, thank God for the answer. Don't pray for the same things again (Mark 11:24)

Refuse and Remain Once you have prayed: refuse to worry, remain joyful and thankful that God has answered, fight wrong thoughts. (I Thes. 5:16-24-Psa. 37:4-II Tim. 1:12)

Meditation Scriptures

(I Tim. 2:1-2; John 15:7; John 16:23; I John 5:14-15; Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18; Matt. 26:41)

Study Passages: (John 15:1-8; Rom. 8:26-28; I Tim. 2:1-4; I John 5:14-15)