



# PRAYER – PRIVILEGE & POWER

## Bethel Discipleship Series

### I. PRAYER – THE VOCATION OF THE BELIEVER

- A. The Scripture Texts on the right show that the Word of God repeatedly commands us to seek the Lord in prayer. The Old and New Testaments are filled with examples of prayer and calls to prayer.
- **1 Chronicles 16:11** – “Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.”
  - **Isaiah 55:6** – “Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.”
  - **Ephesians 6:18** – “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”
- B. Prayer is the most important Christian discipline that a believer can learn – for without prayer, spiritual survival is impossible. Prayer is like spiritual breath – we pray or we die.
- C. If we learn to develop a steady, consistent “prayer life” in the beginning of our Christian walk, we will have less difficulty in following God and our spiritual progress will be tremendously improved.
- D. Prayer activates the strength and power that we need to overcome every obstacle and difficulty of life. Prayer, together with fasting and the Word of God, will bring us victory over every problem.

#### SCRIPTURE TEXTS:

**Psalm 65:2** – “O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.”

**Psalm 145:18** – “The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.”

**James 4:8** – “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...”

**Hebrews 4:16** – “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

**1 Timothy 2:8** – “I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”

**Jude 1:20** – “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,”

**1 Peter 4:7** – “But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.”

### II. PRAYER - THE GREAT SPIRITUAL WEAPON

- A. The “Armor of God” is listed in Ephesians 6:14-17. However, immediately following the list of our spiritual armor, prayer is emphasized as the activating weapon that makes the rest of the arsenal effective.
- **Ephesians 6:14-18** – “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”
- B. Prayer is the supreme spiritual weapon in the arsenal of the believer – it is unlimited in its power. It can overcome and defeat any onslaught or attack.
- **2 Corinthians 10:4** – “(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the

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*pulling down of strong holds.)”*

- C. In the Bible, great people of God became great because they knew how to pray. The people who did mighty things for God, who had powerful ministries, and who lived holy lives, were always mighty in prayer.
- Elijah’s prayer brought victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. (1 Kings 18:37-38)
  - Joshua's prayer caused the sun to stand still. (Joshua 10:12-14)
  - King David made a daily habit of prayer. (Psalm 55:17)
  - Hannah’s prayer resulted in the birth of Samuel, the prophet. (1 Samuel 1:27)
  - Moses prayed in intercession for Israel and they were spared. (Deuteronomy 9:25-26)
  - Daniel prayed three times a day, even at the risk of his own life. (Daniel 6:10)
  - Anna prayed fervently and was allowed to see the newborn Messiah. (Luke 2:36-37)
- D. God is willing to answer prayer. His readiness to answer our prayers surpasses even our willingness to provide necessary things for our children. The Lord is more eager to “open” than we are to “knock.”
- **Matthew 7:7-11** – *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”*

## III. JESUS - OUR GREATEST EXAMPLE

- A. Prayer held high priority for Jesus Christ. Scripture records that He often prayed early in the morning and sometimes prayed through the night.
- **Mark 1:35** – *“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”*
  - **Luke 6:12** – *“And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.”*
- B. After ministering to the multitudes, Jesus would often find a private place to spend time in prayer.
- **Mark 6:46** – *“And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.”*
  - **Luke 5:16** – *“And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.”*
- C. In the garden of Gethsemane we see the Lord's most intense praying. Jesus' triumphant victory at Calvary was actually won on His knees in Gethsemane, where He prayed, “Not my will but thine be done.”
- **Luke 22:44** – *“And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”*
  - **Hebrews 5:7** – *“(Jesus) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.”*

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## IV. WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR?

- A. There is no end to the list of things for which we should seek God in earnest prayer. Scripture gives us examples of many things for which we should pray.
1. Pray for your physical needs. (Matthew 6:11)
  2. Pray for your spiritual needs. (Matthew 26:41; Jude 1:20; James 5:13; Colossians 1:9-12)
  3. Pray for forgiveness. (Matthew 6:12)
  4. Pray for deliverance. (Matthew 6:13)
  5. Pray for your family, your friends and acquaintances – all people (1 Timothy 2:1)
  6. Pray for your enemies. (Matthew 5:44)
  7. Pray for your church, your pastors and spiritual leaders. (1 Thessalonians 5:25)
  8. Pray for your civic and governmental leaders. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
  9. Pray that the gospel would be preached freely and without restraint. (2 Thessalonians 3:1)
  10. Pray for the lost. (Romans 10:1; Matthew 9:38)
  11. Pray for ministers, preachers, and missionaries around the world. (Ephesians 6:18-20)
  12. Pray for those who are sick. (James 5:16)
  13. Pray for those who are oppressed, afflicted or in hardship. (James 5:13)
- B. Again, this list mentions only a few of the things for which we should pray. All of our requests and petitions should be brought to the throne of God in prayer – and the list of needs is endless.
- **Philippians 4:6** – “Be careful (fearful) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”
  - **1 John 5:15** – “And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”
- C. After we have prayed for all the situations that we “know,” we can also pray for those things that we do not “know.” By praying “in the Spirit” or “with the Spirit” in tongues, we can pray for people and situations that are unknown to us.
- **Romans 8:26** – “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”
  - **1 Corinthians 14:15** – “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also...”

## V. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

- A. We must pray in sincerity.
- **Matthew 23:14** – “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.”
1. In the parable of the Pharisee and Publican, Jesus taught us that insincere prayer is worthless. (Luke 18:9-14)
  2. Mindless repetition, repeating “holy” words, and reciting memorized prayers over and over again are of no real value.
    - **Matthew 6:7** – (Jesus said) “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.”

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3. Our prayers are not measured just by length of time, but also by intensity. It is not only the *quantity* of our prayers that matters, but the *quality*. True prayer is that which is borne in the sincerity of the heart.

- **Jeremiah 29:13** – “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”

B. We must pray in faith.

- **Matthew 21:22** – “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”
- **James 1:6-7** – “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”

C. We must pray according to the will of God.

- **Luke 22:42** – “(Jesus’ prayer) Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”
- **1 John 5:14** – “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.”
- **James 4:3** – “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss (badly), that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

D. We must pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

- **John 14:13-14** – “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”
- **John 16:26** – “(Jesus said) At that day ye shall ask in my name...”
- **Colossians 3:17** – “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

E. We must pray persistently.

- **Luke 18:1** – “And he (Jesus) spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always (at all times) to pray, and not to faint (become weary of praying).”
    - Jacob wrestled with the angel in prayer until his prayer was answered. (Genesis 32:24-28)
    - Daniel prayed for twenty-one days until his prayer was answered. (Daniel 10:12-13)
    - Jesus taught the parable of the Persistent Friend. (Luke 11:5-10)
    - Jesus taught the parable of the Importunate Widow and the Unjust Judge. (Luke 18:1-8)
1. Importunity is the ability to hold on, to press on, to wait with unrelaxed grasp; with restless desire. It is a dogged determination that will not stop, will not quit, will not let go.
  2. In prayer, we must learn to P.U.S.H. – **Pray U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens.
    - **Colossians 4:2** – “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.”

F. We must pray fervently.

- **James 5:16** – “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”
1. The words, “effectual fervent” are translated from one Greek word, *energeo* – to be active, to be forceful, vigorous, dynamic, and energetic.

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2. Effective prayer is not weak, puny, whiney, hesitant, or timid – it is mighty, forceful and powerful!

## G. We must pray with thanksgiving

- **Philippians 4:6** – “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”
- **Colossians 4:2** – “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** – “Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

1. Thanksgiving is a major ingredient of prayer. Do we dare to offer requests for “present burdens” before we offer thanks for “past blessings?” Thanksgiving is the proper way to approach the throne of God.

- **Psalm 100:4** – “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”

## H. We must pray both privately and publicly.

1. Jesus gave us instructions that we should pray in private or secret – we should not pray just to be noticed or “seen of men.” We should each have our own place of prayer that is personal and private for us alone.

- **Matthew 6:5-6** – “And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

2. However, we are also instructed to pray in public, with the church and with our brothers and sisters. (Acts 12:12; Acts 16:13)

- **Acts 4:31** – “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”

## VI. HOW WILL GOD ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

### A. “Request Granted”

1. Sometimes God answers our prayers immediately. The Bible is full of instances where God instantly answered the prayers of His people in the exact manner in which they desired.

- **Isaiah 65:24** – “And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

### B. “Request Granted, But Not Yet”

1. God may accept our request, but not necessarily our timing. God does all things according to His perfect plan and purpose – and this includes His perfect timing.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:1** – “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:”

“Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius.”

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Georges-Louis Leclerc (Comte de Buffon)

2. Waiting upon the Lord is an important part of prayer. We must be importunate, persistent, and diligent. If our prayer is in accordance with the will of God, it will come to pass in God's perfect time!

- *Psalm 27:14* – “Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”

C. “Request Granted, But Not As You Expect”

1. Sometimes God says “Yes” to our requests, but He answers them differently than we anticipated.
2. God's thoughts and ways are much different than our own. We think we know and understand a situation and how it should be resolved, but God always knows what is actually best.

- *Isaiah 55:8-9* – “*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*”

3. We should be careful not to dictate to God “how” to answer our prayers. Again, we must pray, “Not my will, but thine be done.” Submit your petition to God and let Him handle it according to His will.

D. “Request Denied”

1. Sometimes God says “No.” The apostle Paul requested three times that God remove a difficult and painful situation from his life – but God refused Paul's request.

- *2 Corinthians 12:8-9* – “*For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*”

- E. If we are praying to God in the correct manner, He will always answer our prayer. God's answer may not always be the answer that we want, but it will be the exact answer that we need.

## VII. HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

A. Satan

1. Our greatest hindrance to prayer is the power of the enemy, Satan. He will have his minions do all that is within their power to keep us from praying.
2. He will try to deceive us into concentrating on our problems rather than focusing our attention on the One who is the answer to all of our problems.
3. He will try to keep us so occupied with the “busy-ness” of life that our prayer time is pushed aside until it is too late. The apostles understood the importance of *making* time to pray.
  - *Acts 6:2-4* – “*Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*”
4. We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices and schemes. We must make time to pray – every day! Setting aside a specific prayer time each day is one of the most effective ways of defeating the devil. Guard your prayer time – don't let anything or anyone infringe upon your time with God!

B. Unbelief

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1. Without faith it is impossible to receive anything from the Lord.
  - **James 1:6-7** – “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”
2. Faith is one of the conditions that Jesus said is required if we are to receive anything through prayer.
  - **Matthew 21:22** – “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”
3. When Jesus visited his hometown, He was not able to do great works there because the people could not have faith in Him.
  - **Matthew 13:58** – “And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.”
4. If we know that we lack faith, we must ask God to increase our faith!
  - **Mark 9:24** – “And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”

## C. Unconfessed Sin

- **1 John 3:21-22** – “Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”
1. Sin is rebellion against God's authority and disobedience to the Word of God. The Scriptures reveal that sin will hinder our prayers.
    - **Psalms 66:18** – “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”
    - **Isaiah 59:2** – “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
    - **Proverbs 15:29** – “The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.”
    - **Proverbs 28:9** – “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.”
    - **1 Peter 3:12** – “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”
  2. God hears the prayer of repentance.
    - **2 Chronicles 7:14** – “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

## D. Improper Treatment of Others

1. How we treat others has a direct effect upon how God treats us. In Matthew 18:23-35, Jesus told the parable of the king who takes account of his servants. This parable reveals that God will deal with us according to the manner in which we deal with others.
2. If we harbor an unforgiving spirit, our prayers will be hindered. The Bible plainly tells us if we fail to forgive, we will not be forgiven by God.

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- **Matthew 6:12, 14-15** – “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”
3. If we treat other people in ways that are contrary to the Word of God, our prayers will be hindered because we are not living in obedience to God. Even incorrect family relationships can obstruct our prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)
  4. Jesus also taught us that we should not even offer our gift at the altar (praise and worship) if we remember that a brother has something against us. We should reconcile with our brother first.
    - **Matthew 5: 23-24** – “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.”

## VIII. THE ELEMENTS OF PRAYER

### A. Thanksgiving and Praise

1. As we saw earlier, thanksgiving is the proper and correct way to approach God each time we enter into His presence.
  - **Psalm 100:4** – “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”
  - **Psalm 95:2** – “Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.”
2. Even when we are encountering difficult and painful situations, we still have so much to be thankful for. The apostle Paul provides us with one of the best examples of praising God in difficult times.
  - **Acts 16:23-25** – “And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.”
3. God delights in the praises of His people, and He appreciates being thanked for all the good things He has done for us.
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** – “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

### B. Repentance

1. David, who sinned against God by committing murder and adultery, wrote one of the most beautiful psalms of repentance. (Psalm 51)
  - **Psalm 51:10** – “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”
2. Even as Holy Ghost-filled Christians, we sometimes make mistakes and fail God. Our unregenerate flesh is always at odds with our spirit. Repentance should be a part of our daily prayer.
  - **1 John 2:1** – “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”
  - **1 John 1:9** – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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## C. Supplication

1. Supplication is making petitions or requests of the Lord. We should be specific in our requests, stating exactly what we desire God to do for us. Tell Him what we desire and then conclude by saying, “Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done.”
  - **1 Timothy 2:1** – “I (Paul) exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.”
  - **Acts 1:14** – “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”
2. Making supplication and petitioning God is mentioned frequently in the New Testament. God wants us to ask Him for our needs.
  - **James 4:2** – “... ye have not, because ye ask not.”
  - **John 16:24** – “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”
  - **Ephesians 3:20** – “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”

## D. Intercession

1. Intercessory prayer is the deepest and most unselfish form of prayer. This type of prayer is characterized by terms such as “wrestling in prayer,” “groanings which cannot be uttered,” and “fervent, agonizing prayer.”
2. The word intercession means, “to come between” or “to interpose on behalf of someone else.” An individual who is engaged in intercessory prayer is beseeching God on behalf of another person.
  - Moses prayed in intercession for Israel and they were spared. (Deuteronomy 9:25-26).
  - Abraham prayed in intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah. (Genesis 18:22-33)
  - Paul prayed in intercession for Israel. (Romans 9:1-5)
  - Paul agonized and interceded for the Galatian church. (Galatians 4:19)
3. At times, the Spirit will lead you into intercessory prayer for someone. When this occurs, you will find yourself praying in a very unique and specific manner. Intercession is a deep, agonizing, powerful prayer experience that pulls down strongholds and wins great victories.

## IX. HOW DO I PRAY?

- A. The disciples of Jesus felt the need to be taught how to pray effectively.
  - **Luke 11:1** – “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”
- B. In answer to this question, Jesus gave the disciples what has come to be known as “The Lord’s Prayer.” This prayer provides us with a pattern by which we can model our personal prayer lives.
  - **Matthew 6:9-13** – “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”
- C. Entire books have been written on the elements of “The Lord’s Prayer” and you can benefit greatly by studying this prayer in greater detail. However, for simplicity’s sake, we will look at the basic elements

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and see how they apply to our own prayer experience.

- D. *“Our Father, which art in heaven”* – Begin by directing your prayer to God. He is your Father, so make your prayer personal. (John 14:13-13; 15:16; 16:23-24; 16:26)
- E. *“Hallowed be thy name”* – Praise before you petition. Begin your prayer with a time of worship. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and adoration! Allow plenty of time for this element of prayer.
- F. *“Thy kingdom come”* – Thy kingdom come. My kingdom go!
- G. *“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”* – Seek God’s will for your life and the lives of your family members and acquaintances. Ask for God’s will to be accomplished in the church locally and worldwide.
- H. *“Give us this day our daily bread”* – Petition God for all your needs: spiritual, physical, emotional, etc.
- I. *“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”* – Sincerely ask God to forgive you for your weaknesses and faults. None of us is perfect; each of us needs to seek God’s forgiveness every day.
- J. *“Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil”* – Ask the Lord to keep you from temptation and the snares of Satan.
- K. *“Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever”* – End your prayer as you began, with a time of praise, worship and thanksgiving.

## X. CONCLUSION:

- A. Prayer is the believer’s greatest privilege. Nothing is more powerful than prayer!
- B. The greatest thing about prayer is not *learning* about it – but *doing* it. To learn more about prayer – pray!
- C. If you have not already done so, begin your “prayer life” today. If you find it helpful, use a “Prayer Chart,” a “Prayer List” or a “Prayer Clock” to help you structure your prayer time more effectively.
- D. Set aside a special time each day to be alone with God. Guard and protect that time and make sure you keep your appointment with the King of Kings each day.
- E. Remember, the discipline of prayer is a life-long process. Prayer facilitates God’s plan, frustrates the Devil’s power, and fulfills God’s purpose.
- F. Whatever you do – pray!

Additional reading material (available through the Pentecostal Publishing House):

*When Men Pray*, Larry R. Schoonover

*The Way of the Eagle*, John Arcovio

*Teach Us to Fast And Pray*, Kim Johnson

*Teach Us to Pray*, Annie Alford

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