

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

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PRAYER: CORRECTING OUR BASELINE PERSPECTIVE

Matthew 6:9–13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: OUR FATHER which art in heaven, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

10 THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 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.

● OUR FATHER.

He knows everything about me, and still loves me anyway.

Psalm 139:1–6

1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, And art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

5 **THOU HAST BESET** (*enclose, encircle, confine*) **ME BEHIND AND BEFORE, AND LAID** (*put, place, set*) **THINE HAND UPON ME.**

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain unto it.

● HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

Life, this world system, our humanness all make ME really big and God really small. Prayer corrects that baseline perspective and makes God really big and me really small.

2 Kings 6:8–17

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, **FEAR NOT: FOR THEY THAT BE WITH US ARE MORE THAN THEY THAT BE WITH THEM.**

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, **LORD, I PRAY THEE, OPEN HIS EYES, THAT HE MAY SEE.** And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and **HE SAW: AND, BEHOLD, THE MOUNTAIN WAS FULL OF HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE ROUND ABOUT ELISHA.**

- **THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE.**

In our human carnality, we think prayer is convincing God of everything that's wrong in (my) life and getting the corrections made. Prayer is all about surrendering and abandoning our will to have His plans and purposes accomplished in me. Prayer is not what God can do for me - prayer is how much of a living sacrifice can I be for Him?

Romans 12:1–2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE**, holy, acceptable unto God, **WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.**

2 And **BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Matthew 26:37–44

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: **NEVERTHELESS NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU WILT.**

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, **IF THIS CUP MAY NOT PASS AWAY FROM ME, EXCEPT I DRINK IT, THY WILL BE DONE.**

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

THE GREAT ADVANTAGE IN CORPORATE PRAYER

- **POWER**

the Scriptures are clear there is increased power when believers gather together with one heart in the name of Jesus

Matthew 18:20

“FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.”

Acts 16:25–26

25 And at midnight **PAUL AND SILAS PRAYED**, and **SANG PRAISES UNTO GOD**: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And **SUDDENLY THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE, SO THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRISON WERE SHAKEN: AND IMMEDIATELY ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED, AND EVERY ONE’S BANDS WERE LOOSED.**

Acts 2:1–4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, **THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE.**

2 And **SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND FROM HEAVEN AS OF A RUSHING MIGHTY WIND, AND IT FILLED ALL THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING.**

3 And **THERE APPEARED UNTO THEM CLOVEN TONGUES LIKE AS OF FIRE, AND IT SAT UPON EACH OF THEM.**

4 And **THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE.**

1 Corinthians 5:4–5

4 **IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHEN YE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER**, and my spirit, **WITH THE POWER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**

5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

● **UNITY**

in corporate prayer, we actively participate in and partake of the unity of the Spirit, hearts and lives become one in a supernatural way by the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:41–47

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 **AND THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES’ DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS.**

43 **AND FEAR CAME UPON EVERY SOUL: AND MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE DONE BY THE APOSTLES.**

44 **AND ALL THAT BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS COMMON;**

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 **AND THEY, CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE, AND BREAKING BREAD FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, DID EAT THEIR MEAT WITH GLADNESS AND SINGLENESS OF HEART,**

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Ephesians 4:1–6

- 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- 3 **ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE.**
- 4 **THERE IS ONE BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

● **ACCOUNTABILITY**

not an accountability of lordship nor legalism, but an accountability of example by a community standard being set

Acts 5:1–6

- 1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
- 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
- 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
- 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
- 6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

● **CLEANSING**

there are many battles you will never win alone, you must have the power and strength of multiplied prayer and encouragement

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

- 9 **TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE**; because they have a good reward for their labour.
- 10 **FOR IF THEY FALL, THE ONE WILL LIFT UP HIS FELLOW: BUT WOE TO HIM THAT IS ALONE WHEN HE FALLETH; FOR HE HATH NOT ANOTHER TO HELP HIM UP.**

James 5:14–16

- 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- 16 **CONFESS YOUR FAULTS** (to fall aside, blunder, false step, sin, transgression) **ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED**. THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH.