

The Miracle of Prayer

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Matthew 6:9-15

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 WHICH ART IN HEAVEN

Prayer is the miracle of being on the earth yet communing with our God in heaven (by our regenerated spirit).

*Prayer joins the Father in heaven and His child on earth together in one spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17 ESV
"But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him."*

As Christians, we occupy two worlds. Yet far too often we live and pray as though we only occupy one, without entering into the reality and power of the other.

Without prayer our reality is the vanity of the earth life. The one who does not pray is a prisoner of life on earth without God. With prayer we experience the reality and power of being seated with Christ in heavenly places.

*What's missing in your life because you haven't prayed? "...you have not because you ask not."
James 4:2*

Hebrews 12:18-25

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

22 **But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,**

23 **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,**

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.**"

Ephesians 2:5-6

5 Even when we were dead in sins, **hath quickened us together with Christ,** (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath **raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places** in Christ Jesus.

Acts 7:54–60

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 **But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,**

56 **And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.**

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 **And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**

60 **And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.**

Ephesians 3:7–21 ESV

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

9 **and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,**

Colossians 1:26–27 ESV

26 **the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.**

27 **To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

10 **so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.**

11 **This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,**

12 **in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.**

13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Worship exercises our faith:

1. **Positions God in His rightful place and positions us in our rightful place.**

Psalm 95:6–7

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he is our God; And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

2. **Takes our focus off of self and the earth-life placing our focus on God and the spiritual.**

Psalm 42:5 NAS

"Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence."

3. **God inhabits our praise. Worship brings unto His presence in a holy union and communion.**

Psalm 22:3

"But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest (*yashab - sit, remain, dwell, abide*) the praises of Israel."

4. **Reminds us of His power and might. Stirs our faith that nothing is too difficult for God.**

Psalm 77:7–15 NAS

7 Will the Lord reject forever? And will He never be favorable again?

8 Has His lovingkindness ceased forever? Has His promise come to an end forever?

9 Has God forgotten to be gracious, Or has He in anger withdrawn His compassion? Selah.

10 Then I said, "It is my grief, That the right hand of the Most High has changed."

11 **I shall remember the deeds of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.**

12 **I will meditate on all Your work And muse on Your deeds.**

13 **Your way, O God, is holy; What god is great like our God?**

14 **You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples.**

15 **You have by Your power redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.**

THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Being in His presence, looking into His eyes and hearing His voice melts any and all resistance to complete and absolute surrender.

Being in His presence convinces you:

- 1. of His love for you*
- 2. He is right in all that He does*
- 3. all that He does and requires is good*

Matthew 4:18–22

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

20 **And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.**

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 **And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.**

Matthew 26:36–46

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

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.**

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, **Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.**

46 **Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.**