

PRAYER



* Requests * Believe * Faith * Forgive *
* Confess * In-the-Spirit * Supplications *
* Thanksgiving *

INTRODUCTION:

“Prayer” is a voluntary action and yet it is something that we as Christians need to do on a regular basis. As the picture displays on the cover, we need to “Pray” like little children, because they have a direct line to God.

Matt 11:25

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because **thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.**

Matt 21:16

16 ...Yea; have ye never read, **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?**

COMMENTARY:

Jesus teaches us how to “Pray” to God the Father.

How, When and Where to Pray:

Matt 6:5-13

5 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.

6 **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.

7 But **when ye pray, use not vain repetitions,** as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

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.**

What to Pray By and In:

“Pray” By and In Requests, Believe, Faith, Forgive, Confess, In-the-Spirit, Supplications, Thanksgiving and In the Name of Jesus:

Phil 4:6

6 Be careful for nothing; **but in every thing by prayer and supplication** with **thanksgiving** let your **requests** be made known unto God.

1 Tim 2:1 (Paul)

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, **supplications, prayers,** intercessions, and **giving of thanks,** be made for all men;

Mark 11:24-25 (Matthew 21:22)

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, **when ye pray, believe** that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25 And **when ye stand praying, forgive,** if ye have ought against any:...

Dan 9:3-4

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, **to seek by prayer and supplications**, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And **I prayed** unto the LORD my God, **and made my confession**,...

Eph 6:18

18 **Praying** always with all **prayer and supplication in the Spirit**,...for all saints;

James 5:13-16 (Concerning Affliction and Sickness)

13 **Is any among you afflicted? let him pray**. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

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 one to another, and **pray one for another, that ye may be healed**. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much**.

1 Tim 4:3-5 (Praying for our Food at Meal time)

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from **meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth**.

4 **For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving**:

5 **For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer**.

Types of Prayer:

Intercessory Prayer:

1 Sam 12:23

23 ...God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you:...

Col 4:12 (Epaphras)

12 ...**always labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

Phil 1:4 (Paul)

4 **Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy**,

Continuous Prayer:

Luke 18:1 (Jesus)

1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end **that men ought always to pray and not to faint**;

Acts 6:4 (The Disciples)

4 **But we will give ourselves continually to prayer**, and to the ministry of the word.

Rom 12:12 (Practical duties)

12 ...**continuing instant in prayer**;

1Thes 5:17

17 **Pray without ceasing**.

Col 4:2 (Paul)

2 **Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving**;

Demonstrative Prayer:

1 Tim 2:8

8 **I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting**.

Whose “Prayer” does God Hear?

Prov 15:8

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but **the prayer of the upright is his delight.**

Prov 15:29

29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but **he heareth the prayer of the righteous.**

1 Pet 3:12

12 **For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:**

Ps 102:17

17 **He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.**

Where does Prayer end up?

The “Prayers” of the Saints come up to God the Father as a Memorial before Him, which means as a Record or Remembrance. “Prayer” finally ends up as Incense or Odors that are stored in Golden Vials and await their use in the Judgment of the Seven Angels.

Acts 10:4 (Cornelius)

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, **Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.**

Rev 5:8

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and **golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.**

Rev 8:1-4

1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw **the seven angels** which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 **And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.**

4 **And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.**

CONCLUSION:

Because “Prayer” is Voluntary, it is up to us Christians to decide on how many Golden Vials filled with the “Prayers” of the Saints will be stored in Heaven. If all of us will increase our “Prayer” life, we will increase the number of Vials that are stored.

These are the ‘Last Days’ and it is important for us to be sober and in our right mind when “Praying”. Then God will hear our “Prayer”! You do this by keeping sober and by abstaining from all alcohol and drugs. REMEMBER who you are “Praying” to!!

Matt 26:41

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

Mark 13:33

33 **Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.**

1 Pet 4:7

7 **But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.**

Amen!
Timothy II