

Biblical Prayer:
Jesus and the Model Prayer
Matthew 6:9-13

God speaks to us in and through the contents of the Bible, which the Holy Spirit enables us to understand and apply to our lives. Out of this transformed understanding, we then speak to God about Himself, ourselves, and people in this world.

The purpose of prayer is to line up our will with the will of God, not to line up God's will with ours.

Q. What has the Lord given us to teach us how to pray?

A. The Lord's prayer.

“The whole Word of God is of use to direct His people in prayer, but the special direction is that pattern of prayer which Christ taught His disciples, commonly called The Lord's Prayer.”

Q. What is the first petition?

A. “Hallowed be Your name.”

Q. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. “That God's name may be honored by us and all men.”

Psalm 8:1

Psalm 72:17-19

Psalm 113:1-3

Psalm 145:21

Isaiah 8:13

Q. What is the second petition? - vs. 10a

A. “Your kingdom come.”

Q. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. That the gospel may be preached in all the world, and believed and obeyed by us and all men.

Matthew 28:19-20

Acts 8:12

Acts 28:30-31

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Q. What is the third petition?

A. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." - *vs. 10b*

Q. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. That men on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.

Psalm 103:19-22

Revelation 4:11

Psalm 67: 1-2

John 9:31

Q. What is the fourth petition?

A. "Give us our daily bread." - *vs. 11*

Q. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. That God will give us all the needful things for our bodies.

Psalm 145:15

Proverbs 30:8-9

1 Timothy 4:4-5

Q. What is the fifth petition?

A. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." - vs. 12

Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. That God will pardon our sins and help us forgive those who have sinned against us.

Psalm 51

Matthew 5:23-24

Matthew 18:21-35

1 John 4:20-21

Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." - vs. 13

Q. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. That God will keep us from sin.

1 Chronicles 4:10

Matthew 26:41

Psalm 119:11

Closing Thought: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who also taught the apostle Paul, has clearly communicated to us in His Word everything we need to know about prayer. It is our job to search and properly understand the Scriptures and have our minds renewed by His Word so we can pray that His will be carried out in His creation.