

B. Be Transformed By The Renewing Of Your Mind

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
II Corinthians 3:18

“23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

James 1:23-25

V. THE CONSEQUENCES OF OFFERING THIS REQUEST (12:2b)

A. The Discovery Of The Will Of God

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”
Colossians 1:9

B. The Description Of The Will Of God

1. Good
2. Acceptable
3. Perfect

CONCLUSION:

Will you pray the ultimate prayer request?

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.”
Matthew 6:10

**VERTICAL
Talking With God
The Ultimate Prayer Request
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INTRODUCTION

A. How’s your calling plan with God? Ever feel like your vertical voicemails go unheard or unanswered? Praying is talking *with* God. It is not a mindless ritual, it is a meaningful relationship. It is the heart of a child relating to the heart of a Father.

B. In this series I will teach you how to talk *with* God. These messages will be based primarily on the model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 where Jesus said,

“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.”

In this model prayer, Jesus teaches us how to talk *with* God.

C. Come and learn through these messages how to have real and meaningful conversations with God:

August 10	Five Good Reasons To Talk With God
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August 24	What To Say To God When You’ve Messed Up
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D. TEXT: Romans 6:13, 12:1-2 (Pew Bible/Page 160/New Test.)

THE ULTIMATE PRAYER REQUEST

The model prayer is a prayer **list**.

- **P**raise and thanksgiving.
- **R**epent of sin.
- **A**sk God to meet your needs and the needs of others.
- **Y**ield to the will of God.

I. THE **CHARGE** TO OFFER THIS REQUEST (12:1a)

A. **Jesus** made this request.

“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”
Matthew 26:39

B. **Paul** made this request.

“making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.”
Romans 1:10

II. THE **COMPELLING** REASONS TO OFFER THIS REQUEST (12:1b, d)

A. God’s **Mercy**

*“18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”* I Peter 1:18-19

B. Our Reasonable **Service**

*“19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*
I Corinthians 6:19-20

III. THE **CHARACTERISTICS** OF ONE WHO OFFERS THIS REQUEST (12:1c)

A. **Living** Sacrifice

“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
Philippians 1:21

B. **Holy**

*“15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*

I Peter 1:15-16

C. **Acceptable** Unto God

*“6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,
7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,”*
Ephesians 6:6-7

IV. THE **CONCEPTS** INVOLVED IN OFFERING THIS REQUEST (12:2a)

A. Be Not **Conformed** To This World

*“15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.
17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”*

I John 2:15-17

“for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—...”

II Timothy 4:10a