

TEACH US TO PRAY

On Earth As It Is In Heaven...

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LUKE 11:1-4 NKJV

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.*

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one."

Introduction:

- Jesus taught us a pattern, not a prayer
- The Lord's prayer is like a diamond with multiple facets, types of prayer, that refract true *relationship* and *partnership* with God

Types of Prayer:

1. Adoration - Worshiping God for who He is
2. Intercession - Compelling God to act where we are after the pattern of where He reigns
3. Petition - Asking God for what He has promised
4. Confession - Receiving forgiveness/extending forgiveness based upon what Christ has done
5. Direction - Seeking God's leading and protection

What is intercessory prayer?

It is “**stepping in between**” someone and “anything less” that is hindering God’s will in partnership with Heaven

What do we pray for?

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**”*

- Pray for yourself - allow the Holy Spirit to examine you
- Pray for your family
- Pray for your spiritual leaders
- Pray for your friends
- Pray for political leaders/bosses
- Pray for lost people - city, region, nation
- Pray for whoever God puts on your heart!

“Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things `above all that we ask or think.’” - **Andrew Murray**

How to pray “On earth as it is in Heaven”

1. Pray for revelation

EPHESIANS 1:16-19

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of

glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power towards us who believe, according to the working of his great might."

2. Pray for presence

ACTS 11:21

The Lord's hand was with them and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5-6

*Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter **but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.***

3. Pray for God's favor and blessing

PSALM 5:12

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

GENESIS 12:2 NLT

I will bless you...and you will be a blessing to others.

MATTHEW 7:11

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

4. Pray for protection

1 PETER 5:8

The devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

PSALM 3:1-3

O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." But you are a shield around me, O Lord: you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What type of prayer do you find yourself praying most often?
2. Is there someone in your life that you haven't been diligent to pray for, but you feel the conviction to do so?
3. Discuss and share about your prayer life and how you can expand the way you pray.