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Prayer

“After this manner therefore pray ye: our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.” Matthew 6:9-13. *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* Matthew 6:13,14.

“And He said unto them, when we pray, say, our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” Luke 11:2-4.

WHY DO WE PRAY? Is it to ask God for something? Is it to **PRAISE HIM?** Why do you pray? **YOU DO PRAY????** Don't you? Whew, ...! I thought for awhile that you do not pray! How do you pray? Do you *“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.”* James 5:16?

Did you know that there were stipulations to your prayers being answered? If you are still living in sin; God can not look upon you, in sin. *“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth.”* John 9:31. Also, the Psalmist in Psalm 66:18 says *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”*

Also, you have to ask Him with the right heart, ***“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”*** James 4:3. You can not ask with a selfish spirit!!!! You can not receive your prayers answered, by doubting God either! ***“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like as a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”*** James 1:6,7. Even when you are disobedient to God’s words, you will see nothing of your prayers answered, **and do not expect an answer!**

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.” Proverbs 28:9. Also, ***“Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.”*** Proverbs 21:13. **JESUS** turned away no one that ask of Him, so why should God answer you, when you, turn away from His crying poor. The prideful just need to forget about praying. ***“Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humble himself shall be exalted.”*** Luke 18:10-14. **THIS IS WHAT JESUS SAID!!!! NOT ME!**

Your requirements for having your prayers answered are to be pure in heart, pray in believing, pray in Christ’s name and pray according to God’s will. Again, the Psalmist, 66:18,19 states ***“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: but verily God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.”*** **YOU MUST BE PURE IN HEART! IF YOU CAN NOT BELIEVE AND HAVE FAITH THAT ANSWERS PRAYERS, THEN JUST FORGET ABOUT PRAYING!!!!** ***“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall believe.”*** Matthew 21:22. ***“And whatsoever ye ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”*** 1 John 3:22.

Your idols, which you put before God, which keeps you out of church and away from God and out of God's will, ask them if they will answer your prayers!!!!? Pray to them instead of God; but Jesus says, "***And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.***" John 14:13. But, if you want your prayers answered; then, get right with God, come to Him with your request and make them known unto God. Flee sin, ask repentance; get out of your selfish ways, be obedient to God's ways, love all God's children, whether rich or poor, and do away with your prideful spirit.

Remember, these are requirements for prayers to be answered. You must have a forgiving spirit, "***For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.***" Matthew 6:14,15. Come straight to the point in your prayers, no great orations, no cooperate proposals or state of the union addresses. "***And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when you prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which is in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.***" Matthew 6:5-8. **YOU CAN NOT PUT ON A SHOW FOR SOMEONE AND EXPECT GOD TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING.** All you are doing is confusing other Christians, and since confusion is not of God; so that means, that your long prayers are maybe not of God, hence Satan pops up!!!! **IS SATAN IN YOUR PRAYERS OR ARE YOU PRAYING TO GOD?**

Matthew 6:9-13

- “... *our Father* ...”. Start with these first words, ‘*Our Father*’, this means you and I and everyone else, not just for those that are attending Church now. He is your Father, in sin also; but, He can not look upon you while you are living in sin. You have to change and start living for God to have your prayers heard, before they can be answered.
- “... *which art in heaven, ...*”. Not on this earth! Your God lives in heaven. He is not some material thing on this earth. So, stop putting all these things; yards, cars, boats, hobbies, sleep, children, etc., before God! **GOD** is **GOD**, not some object!!!
- “... *hallowed be Thy name. ...*” Hallowed, revered, awed, respect, loved, the One and only name. Is He put first, is He your primary attention of your life? Is God ‘**hallowed**’ or ‘**hollow**’ in your thoughts and actions? Is God **number one** in your life? Put Him first and the rest will fall in line!!!! **You will find out just how much He really does want to answer your prayers!!!!** When you are in the will of God!!!!
- “... *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ...*” Lord Jesus, let Thy kingdom come and control on earth all the righteousness and love as it is in heaven. Lord, let not there be any sin any more or hurting people; let not there be any more dieing of loved ones, as there is not in heaven; and Lord, let Thy kingdom come. Lord, Jesus, come quickly!!!! Maranatha.
- “... *Give us this day our daily bread. ...*” Yes Lord, give us; we want You, as **OUR DAILY BREAD OF LIFE**. Wisdom, love, knowledge, strength, faith, etc. ...; Lord, this is our bread also!!!! Not just manna!
- “... *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ...*” Lord, forgive me of all my sins and all my faults, make me whole.
- “... *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: ...*” Lord, keep me straight, teach me, guide me and keep me from all evil. Lord, keep Your hands upon me, cover me under Your precious blood of Jesus Christ, Your Son, which He shed for me.

- ***“... for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen”***. Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Yours is the kingdom and control of everything, and the beautiful life eternal. Amen.

Seek your prayer closet, your secret place, and pray to God. Listen to God. Listen to God respond, and then act upon it, what ever He says to do, **do it!!!!**

If you still do not know how to pray and what to do, write me! Let us talk to God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit. And please, write me, do not just shrug it off! You might not have another chance at this. Take advantage, **THIS TIME!!!** Stop putting off your salvation, get in prayer.

But, just get in prayer, whether it be in your secret place, your closet, your Church or with your family. Be ***“A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.”*** Acts of the Apostles 10:2. Pray in a group and receive as stated in Matthew 18:20, ***“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them.”*** Is God in the middle of your group and prayer? Have you let Him in? Pray ye in the spirit as well as fleshly. Our Father’s ears hear and understands all prayers and languages from His children, whether in the flesh or in the spirit; if you, ***“Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he, might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:”*** Ephesians 2:15,16. You can pray in the flesh, as we all do; but, you have to believe Jesus died for you on that cross and that He is the Son of God, if you want your prayers answered in God’s time. Or, as it says in 1 Corinthians 14:14-17, ***“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth now what thou sayest?”*** Find yourself, your Holy Spirit, He is with you, all He wants is your willingness, obedience

and for you to be right with God. **ARE YOU THERE?** Pray to God, your Lord, seek His face. Do not put off your salvation any longer!!!! You have gambled enough now! Praise your Lord Jesus for watching over you by His grace. I know you have a tongue, use it for your salvation, not your damnation and not your prideful ways. **USE IT TO PRAY, NOT TO BRAY!!!!**

Father, I am a sinner, forgive me of my sins, I repent! I give up!!! I surrender!!! I know Jesus, the Son of God, and He died for me on that cross and was resurrected on the third day. I know. I believe. I know my sins now have been forgiven me. **PRAISE GOD!!! THANK YOU JESUS!!! AMEN.**

Write me now, let me know of your salvation, confess it with your mouth. **BE PROUD ... UNASHAMED!!!!** Jesus was not ashamed of you when He was hung from that cross, all He said was, **FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO. AMEN.**

THAT IS LOVE ... THAT IS PRAYER!!!!

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