

PRINCIPLES of PRAYER

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PRAYER Part 4

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1. Why should I pray the Disciples' Prayer Pattern? (The "Lord's Prayer," Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-13)



A. It addresses every life issue and need.

- *Our Father* speaks of our relationship with God.
- *In Heaven* reminds us of His glorious Throne and Sovereignty.
- *Hallowed be Your Name* leads us to praise Him for who He is. Click the QR code to see a list of God's Names.
- *Your Kingdom come* causes us to put first things first.
- *Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven* releases everything to His control and Divine order.
- *Give us this day our daily bread* reminds us that He is our physical and spiritual life source as we are consistent to obey His principles.
- *And forgive us our debts* reminds us of our sins and His solution.
- *As we forgive our debtors* keeps us free from unforgiveness.
- *And do not lead us into temptation* causes us to understand that temptations are real and that we must not give the devil any foothold in our hearts/lives.
- *But deliver us from the evil one* places us in an overcoming position through Jesus Christ.
- *For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever* brings us back to praise, His divine ownership, ability and abiding presence.



B. This is a prayer that God answers!

2. What are a few of the characteristics of powerful prayer?

James 5:16 *The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous believer can accomplish much when put into action and made effective by God — it is dynamic and can have tremendous power.* AMP

A few other Scriptures include Matthew 7:7-12; Matthew 17:20; John 15:7; Philippians 4:6; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 5:14-15.

- A. God centered vs. self centered prayer | Matthew 6:9-10.
- B. Humble and teachable attitude | The Roman Centurion in Matthew 8:5-10. (Luke 18:9-14)
- C. Prayer based on faith, believing He answers prayer | Matthew 17:20; James 1:5-8; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 5:14-15.
- D. Passionate and persistent | The woman with the issue of blood in Luke 8:43-48. (Matthew 7:7-8)
- E. Other...

3. When should I pray?

- A. As the Holy Spirit prompts or begins to pray through us. (Nehemiah 1:4-11; Romans 8:26-27)
 - *Whenever God is ready to do something new with His people, He always sets them to praying.* — J. Edwin Orr
- B. As a regular part of our daily activities. We will have to exchange activities and build new habits. (Ephesians 5:15)
- C. When our enemy attacks with loneliness, anxiety, worry, and other emotions. (Philippians 4:6)
- D. When we are tempted, etc. (Put on the whole armor of God, Ephesians 6:10-18)
- E. Other...