



JESUS' PRAYER PRIMER

The **FIRST** thing we need to understand about praying is it's **NECESSITY** in each of our lives! This life we find ourselves in will exhaust us without it. The Greek speakers realized we would become despondent, and the English (in King James) said it would cause us to faint. All true! Just remember when reading the scriptures in the three columns below, that the Hebrew/Aramaic was written **FIRST** (*left column*), then the Greek speakers fitted it into their own thinking (*right column*) and sometimes lost a bit. **LATER**, the English, while looking at the Greek version, adjusted it to their own thinking (*center column*), and lost a bit more. I think the first version carries more of the Heart of God. But now we can compare them all and **LEARN!** (*The scripture references are only listed in the center column*)

WHY WE SHOULD PRAY

He also said a proverb to them, that they would pray in all time-periods and they never would exhaust.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Now He told them a parable also, so that they must always be praying and not be despondent,...

Cast all your worries over God, for he upsets about you!

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Tossing your entire worry on Him, for He is caring concerning you.

HOW WE SHOULD NOT PRAY

When you are praying, never be just -like hypocrites with a face-mask that nurture standing in the assembly and in the corners of the square to pray, that the children-of-men would-be seeing them. Amen I say to you: They received their wage.

Matthew 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

“And whenever you may be praying, you shall not be as the hypocrites, for they are fond of standing in the synagogues and at the corners of the squares to be praying, so that they may appear to men. Verily, I am saying to you, They are collecting their wages!

GOD'S OWN FAITH IS ALREADY IN US INSIDE OF CHRIST

Simon had remembered and said to him, “Chief! Behold the same fig-tree that you condemned: It withered!” Jesus answered and said to them, “You have the faith of God in you. Amen I say to you: For that-one who will say to this mountain, ‘Pick-up and fall in the sea and will not be divided in his heart, but believes something that he says will happen, has anything that he says.

Mark 11:21-24 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

And, recollecting, Peter is saying to Him, “Rabbi! Lo! The fig tree which Thou didst curse has withered’!” And answering, Jesus is saying to them, “If you have faith of God, verily, I am saying to you that whosoever may be saying to this mountain, ‘Be picked up and cast into the sea, and may not be doubting in his heart, but should be believing that what he is speaking is occurring, it shall be his, whatsoever he may be saying,

Note the major differences! Jesus told his disciples that God's faith was already IN them! That's because when God's word becomes planted in a human heart, it carries the essence of Jesus. We should all know that Jesus is full of God's own faith! Jesus is not empty when he comes into us. He brings God's fulness (*John 17:21-23*)! We need to discover it, and only Jesus can reveal it to us. The Greeks picked up on it, but the English didn't quite get it. We try to convince ourselves into having the believing faith. Read it again and realize Jesus was telling us what he believed, and **was about to exercise it himself for our benefit!** He began to SAY what God gave him to SAY! God's word is **ALWAYS** creative when spoken in the right spirit.

Because-of this, I SAY to you that everything that you have prayed and you asked: Believe, and you will be embracing that for yourself."

Therefore I SAY unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray. Believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Therefore I AM SAYING to you, All, whatever you are praying and requesting, be believing that you obtained, and it will be yours.

HOWEVER, JESUS TELLS US TO FIRST ASK OUR FATHER GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS THE GIVER

On the particular day none will ask me for anything. Amen, amen I say to you: Everything that you ask in my name my Father will give to you.

John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

And in that day you will not be asking Me anything. Verily, verily, I am saying to you that whatever you should be requesting the Father, He will be giving it to you in My name.

JESUS IS THE DOER AND WILL ONLY DO WHAT GOD GIVES HIM TO DO

Anything you ask in my name I will do for you that the Father will-be glorified in his Son.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

And whatever you should be requesting in My name, this I will be doing, that the Father should be glorified in the Son.

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ASK AND BE IN JESUS' NAME: *(It is not a "rubber stamp" to just SAY!)*

When you rise to pray, forgive anything that exists for you toward men, that your Father in the heaven also will forgive your offenses for you. If you-are not forgiving, also your Father in heaven will not forgive your offenses for you.

Mark 11:25,26 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

And whenever you may be standing praying, be forgiving, if you have anything against anyone, that your Father also, Who is in the heavens, may be forgiving you your offenses.

WE AREN'T ASKING IN JESUS' NAME IF WE ARE NOT DOING WHAT HE SAYS

And everything that we ask, we embrace from him, because we keep his commands and act wonderfully before him.

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

And whatsoever we may be requesting, we are obtaining from Him, for we are keeping His precepts and are doing what is pleasing in His sight.

CAN WE KNOW IF WE ARE ASKING IN JESUS' NAME - AND NOT DOUBT IT?

And if we are convinced that he hears us about anything we ask from him, we trust that we already received our petitions that we asked of him.

1 John 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

And if ever we are aware that He is hearing us, whatever we may be requesting, we are aware that we have the requests which we have requested from Him.

IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST SAYING HIS NAME. WE NEED TO HAVE THE RIGHT SPIRIT!

When his disciples James and John saw it, they said to him, "Our Lord, are-you desiring that we say and

Luke 9:54-56 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we com-

Now perceiving it, His disciples, James and John, say, "Lord, art Thou willing? May we be telling

descend a fire from heaven that will dagger them, just-like Elijah also did?" He turned admonishing them and saying, "You know not of which spirit-wind you-are. For the Son-of-man came not to have souls disappear, but to give-life to them." They went to another town.

mand fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

fire to descend from heaven and consume them, as Elijah also does?"
Now, being turned, He rebukes them. And they went into a different village.

(Note that this version skipped the part of the spirit and purpose of Jesus statement!)

CONSIDERING EVERYTHING, THIS IS A GOOD WAY FOR ME TO START MY DAY

1. Before I get out of bed, I need to check on what kind of spirit is affecting my mind, my emotions and my will. This is like cleansing myself before I get dressed. It's my personal time to "put off the old man". This works best when I remind myself of all the mercy and blessings God has given me and all of His people! I become grateful.
2. Secondly, It's time to pray. I start by forgiving everyone I can think of that has been offensive to me, so God will forgive and cleanse me from those offenses that I cannot yet see in myself.
3. Then, like dressing for the day, I can pick up my cross by "putting on the mind of Christ" so I won't be spiritually naked throughout my day. **That basic mind set** is to "**always DO those things that please the Father**. Jesus will always let me HOW to please the Father when I quiet myself!
4. fourthly, I go to work by picking up my cross and following Jesus all day. I can watch for those in need and ASK the Father for what I think they need, and if God lets me know that He hears me, I receive the EXPECTATION to SAY it so it can be DONE. When I am aligned with God's will, Jesus DOES whatever God has allowed me to SAY. Without Jesus, my words and actions are nothing! This has to be private! It is NOT to be done publicly!
5. I also like to remind myself of the pattern Jesus gave his disciples and pray like I'm a part of his whole family and his body, and not just pray for myself. Others may forget to pray, so our praying will cover for them! Note that in Aramaic/Hebrew, Jesus tells us to not be just ASKING, but LISTENING to God's will, SAYING it, and Jesus DOES it!

Therefore you pray like-this:

Our Father in heaven, your name will-be holy. *(saying)*

Your kingdom will come, your desire will also be in the land just-as in heaven. *(saying)*

Grant to us today the bread that we need, and forgive our debts for us, just as we also forgive those indebted to us. *(this is asking)*

Never enter us to temptation, but redeem us from the Rotten-One, because the kingdom the power and the glory, it-is yours forever and-evermore. *(both)*

Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. *(asking)*

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. *(asking)*

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. *(asking)*

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 *(both)*

"Thus, then, you be praying:

'Our Father Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. *(asking)*

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, on earth also. *(asking)*

Our bread, our dole, be giving us today. And remit to us our debts, as we also remit those of our debtors. *(asking)*

And mayest Thou not be bringing us into trial, but rescue us from the wicked one.' *(Note, they left off honoring God and I don't know why as yet.)*

SUMMATION:

PRAYING is ASKING. Jesus told us to ASK for God's permission to change anything that we desire to see changed. When we ask according to God's will, God (or Jesus) will witness to us, giving us the expectation that it will happen! We won't receive if we don't ask, and we won't have the changes if we don't expect them.

SAYING is COMMANDING things to change. It is not asking in prayer! We can be believing that God can do all things, yet not expect him to be doing it! God gives us the expectation when we conform to Christ and have asked according to his will. Jesus brought his human tongue under obedience to say ONLY what his Father told him to say,

and miracles occurred. As the head of his now many-membered body, Jesus wants to bring each or our tongues into obedience also. Then God will continue to do His works through Jesus' body. This is how MORE and much greater works will happen than when Jesus was limited to one body, because he now has more conforming members to work through. This is how WE also glorify both Jesus AND our Father. God's spirit WILL tame our tongues!

Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen I say to you: The Son can not do things from the desire of his soul, but the-things that he sees the Father doing. For those-things the Father does, the Son also does these-things similar-to him. For the Father nurtures his Son and shows to him everything that he does. And he has shown to him more deeds than these that would astonish you.

John 5:19,20 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Jesus then answers and said to them, "Veriy, verily I am saying to you, The Son can not be doing anything of Himself if it is not what He should be observing the Father doing, for whatever He may be doing, this the Son is doing likewise. For the Father is fond of the Son and is showing Him all that He is doing. (Note, the Greek leaves out God showing Jesus more works to do!)

Amen, amen I say to you: That-one who believes in me does those-things that I-am-doing. He will do even more than these-things I-have done when I go next-to-the Father. Anything that you ask in my name I will do for you that the Father will-be glorified in his Son.

John 14:12-15 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Verily, verily I am saying to you, he who is believing in Me, the works which I am doing he also will be doing, and greater than these will he be doing, for I am going to the Father. And whatever you should be requesting in My name, this will I be doing, that the Father should be glorified in the Son.

WHAT ABOUT IF WE JUST ASK JESUS INSTEAD OF ASKING OUR FATHER?

And if you ask ME in my name, I -am doing it. If you nurture me, keep my commands.

(Note: the Hebrew/Aramaic says that it is OK to ask Jesus directly and the Greek record agrees.)

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If you love me, keep my commandments.

(Note: KJV leaves out asking Jesus directly.)

If you should ever be requesting anything of ME in my name, this will be doing. If you should be loving me, you will be keeping My precepts.

Note that in these last four verses, Jesus said we can also ask HIM in his name. This does NOT leave the Father out! Jesus knows if we are truly asking in his name the Father hears and approves of it. Since Jesus already has the authority to DO God's will, he DOES what we ask in his name. So in all the previous scriptures, he is just wanting us to know where his authority comes from - and he will glorify the Father as he said. It's not that complicated. Just BE CLEAN from offenses, KNOW what spirit is working in you, ASK in his name, LISTEN for God's response, then SAY it and EXPECT Jesus to DO it! Sometimes, when we are in his name, we don't even have to say it. He just does it!

We can also use prayer to FIND the will of God. Here's my testimony when I first began to learn this. Back in about 1972, we had a house full of young people wanting to serve God. One brother was sitting on our living room heater (in summer) because it was the only place left to sit. He interrupted whatever was going on, and asked for prayer because he was sick.

I started walking toward him and saw a little anger coming up in me for I suddenly saw he was "straddling the fence" - not reaching for God himself, but was expecting me to do it all for him! I laid my hands on him and found myself saying, "In the name of Jesus, either get sicker and die! or get healed!" He gave a great gasp and was suddenly healed! He made the choice. Since that time I have often prayed for something I believed was God's will, but when I didn't feel God was hearing me, I prayed differently until I DID sense He heard me. Then my heart believed rightly and I could ask, believe, SAY it, and SEE it happen! God bless us all. Let's all go to work!