

JESUS' MODEL FOR PRAYING EFFECTIVELY

Matthew 6:9-13... In this manner, therefore, pray:

Section 1: Worship & Honour the Lord

v.9 Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

- a.) Acknowledge that you are coming to your Daddy.
- b.) Remember that He is in Heaven (≠earth / ≠mortal / ≠limited / ≠inadequate.)
- c.) Honour & Worship Him - by Name. (His Names represent His mind / will / character.)

NB. Choose any 6 names of God; meditate on what they mean to you; worship God with them.

Section 2: Pray & Affirm God's will

v.10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

- a.) Prayer that God's Kingdom will reign & influence every area of your life.
(e.g. Your Nation / Church / City / Family / Finances / Marriage / Work / Studies, etc.)
- b.) Pray that only what heaven sanctions will be done on earth (in your life, family, Church, etc.)

How? By praying and confessing relevant Scriptures.

Section 3: Pray for on-going needs, desires or issues

v.11 Give us this day our daily bread.

- a.) You bring present needs before Him (yours & other people's needs.)
- b.) Be as specific as possible (Take God's Word back to Him on the issues...)

Section 4: Pray about relational issues (hurts, offenses, forgiveness.)

v.12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

- a.) Search your heart and pray about any issue that hurt or offended you (e.g. friend, spouse.)
- b.) Forgive or release the person(s) involved (even if they haven't apologised yet.)
- c.) Ask God to forgive you of specific things He brings to your mind (e.g. Sins of omission.)

Section 5: Pray for direction and protection

v.13a And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

- a.) Pray about things that annoy or trip you up (mistakes, anger & temptations.)
- b.) Pray for protection from demonic activity (bad or diabolical people / demonic traps.)

Section 6: End by Acknowledging & Worshipping God

v.13b For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- a.) Acknowledge God's greatness / ...Sovereignty & power / Omniscience / Wisdom.
- b.) Thank Him for hearing your prayers & answering them.