PRAYER

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed" (Mark 1:35)

Jesus is our example of the dedication and commitment it takes to have an effective prayer life!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father…"
"Lord, we are thankful that we can call you Father by virtue of the blood of Christ and the Spirit of adoption. You are our Father, the authority over us, our care provider, and our counselor. Build your character and attributes into our lives, Lord. Allow us to be partakers of your divine nature."

"Which art in heaven…"
Your throne is in heaven, Lord. You are high and lifted up. Your thoughts are above my thoughts - but elevate my thoughts by granting to me the mind of Christ. If everyday I declare heaven's priorities by prayer, I trust that your priorities will become my priorities on earth. Your ways are higher than my ways - but elevate my ways by enabling me to walk in the Holy Ghost."

"Hallowed be thy name…"
"Lord, you are my everything! Everything I need, I find in Jesus! You are Jhvh-Hoseenu, the Lord my maker, my creator. You are Jhvh-Rohi, the Lord my shepherd. Keep me, Lord. Lead me to green pastures and still waters. You are Jhvh-Jireh, the Lord my provider and provision. Supply all of my needs according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. You are Jhvh-Shaion, the Lord my peace. Grant to me your peace, that peace that passes all understanding. You are Jhvh-Rophe, the Lord my healer. Grant to me good health in spirit, sow and body. You are Jhvh-Tsidkenu, the Lord my righteousness. You are Jhvh-Shammal, the Lord who is there, never leaving, never forsaking me, a very present help in trouble. You are Jhvh-Nissi, the Lord my banner. I’m on your side, Lord, standing for you and your cause. You are Jhvh-M’Kaddesh,
the Lord who sanctifies and makes me clean. You are Jhvh- Tsebaoth, the Lord of host, the captain of the army of the host of the Lord, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. You are Jhvh-Heleyon, the Lord most high. Keep my focus on you Lords not on the things of earth.

"Thy kingdom come thy will be in earth as it is in heaven…"

"Hasten the day spoken of in Revelation 11:15 when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. Hasten the day referred to in Daniel 7 when your saints shall possess the kingdom. You said, 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force.' We come as your great army pushing back the kingdom of the adversary and establishing your kingdom, in Jesus name."

"Let your kingdom come and your will be done in me, my family (mate, children, and other family members), and my church family (Pastors, leadership team, faithfulness of people, harvest). Let your kingdom come and your will be done in our nation and world. Put up whom you will and put down whom you will. Let your plan unfold, in Jesus name."

"Give us this day our daily bread…"

"Lord, supply all of our need according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Give us more than we need for ourselves so that we might have to give to those who ask us of the hope that is in us, with meekness and fear. Let us live today in the will of God. Grant to us good work habits, a spirit of submission and obedience to your will, let us be cheerful and generous givers - for freely we have received, may we freely give. We believe it is your will to prosper us for the cause of the gospel - for your Word declares, "Give, and it shall be given unto you,' good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. As with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measure to you again." (Lk 6:38) "Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (III Jn 2)

“Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors…”

Therefore I say unto you, “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. 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.” (Mark 11:24-26)
“And lead us not into temptation… but deliver us from evil…”

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations…” (II Pet 2:9)
"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (I Cor 10:13)
"Lord, I pray a hedge of protection around me, my family, and my church family – in Jesus’ name."
“For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever…”

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” (Heb 13:15)

Pray for yourself: Ask God to give you faith, patience, forgiveness, good health, His providence and guidance, daily strength, spiritual blessing and encouragement, renewing of a right spirit, refilling of the Holy Ghost.

Pray for your family: Ask Him for the same thing to be done in their lives that you asked for yourself.

Pray for your church: Again, ask Him for the same things to be done in the lives of your brothers and sisters that you asked for yourself and family.

Pray for the Pastor, the leadership team, the faithfulness of our people, for revival and a vast harvest of souls and for many visitors to our church.

Pray for the unsaved: Starting with your own family, co-workers, friends, schoolmates, neighbors, city, state, nation, and world – pray for people’s hearts to be softened and their minds to be open to God’s will for their lives.

Pray for the corporate church: Petition heaven for God’s blessing on His church, its leaders and its work in the world, including the United Pentecostal Church.

Pray for world revival: Pray for miraculous revival in every land, including this land and every foreign land. Ask God’s help for our Foreign and Home Missionary Families. Pray for the churches under their care. Ask the Lord for the same blessing on His churches around the world that we want in our church.

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Pray for the miraculous to happen in our services: Ask God to grant repentance to sinners, backsliders, and the lukewarm. Ask for many baptisms in Jesus name and for many infillings of the Holy Ghost. Ask for powerful church services, inspirational worship services, life changing preaching. Ask Him to set this church apart from every nonApostolic church with His favor and miraculous touch. Ask Him for the fulfillment of Isaiah 60 - where multitudes of people: religious and otherwise, flow into the light of His truth.

Pray for our church ministries: Outreach, Music Ministry, Sunday school and other children’s ministries, Nursery, Youth, Ushers and Greeters. Pray for the family relationships in the church - husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray for all of the relationships in the church - because His anointing can only flow through the unity of His people.

Pray for our nation: Pray for our President and his family. Ask the Lord to give him godly wisdom and direction. Pray for his advisors, cabinet, and others who influence his daily decisions - for godly wisdom and right thinking. Pray for other government leaders - congress, the Supreme Court, our state and local leaders - again for godly wisdom and right thinking. Ask God to turn our nation back towards righteousness!

"My deepest desire, Lord, is that I might know you in the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of your suffering, being made conformable unto your death. (Phil 3: 10) Lord, I make myself available to you. I present my body as a living sacrifice to you. (Rom 12:1) “This is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Ps 118:24)

BOOKS TO READ:

*The Lost Art of Spiritual Disciplines* by N.S. Whitley