

The Sermon on the Mount

How to Pray: Praying According to God's Priorities; Matthew 6:9-13

Reminder: Warnings from Matthew 6:5-9

Do not pray with a motive of love of self and the praise of others; Instead pray motivated by love of our Father and His reward

Do not pray by using meaningless repetition; Instead pray with a knowledge of the character of God

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Structure of the Model Prayer

God's Glory: He is Holy, His Kingdom is Glorious, His Will is Primary

Our Needs: Physical Provision, Spiritual Needs, Moral Needs

Prayer and God's Glory: Intimacy with God as Our Father

The holiness of God as we request that His name be holy

The sovereignty of God as we pray with His kingdom in mind

The priorities of God as we pray with His will to be done

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Your kingdom come: the reign and rule of God with an eye to the future eschatological kingdom

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal

Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore.

Daniel 4:1-2 Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language that live in all the earth: "May your peace abound! It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me."

Daniel 4:3 "How great are His signs and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His dominion is from generation to generation."

Revelation 11:15-17 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders...fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign."

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away..."Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes..."

Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Luke 11:20-21 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

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Your will be done: His purposes taking hold of our lives

Distinction between the declarative will of God versus the permissive will of God

Exodus 3:19-20 But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.

I Timothy 2:3-5 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

I Thessalonians 4:3-5 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;