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I recently shared the outline that Jesus gave to help guide us in our prayer life. From the disciples' request to be taught to pray, our Lord gives them [and us] five departments to categorize and assist us in praying: [1] Praise, [2] Petition, [3] Provision, [4] Penitence and [5] Protection [Luke 11:1-4].

Dr. Peter Masters gives us ten reasons why we are required to pray, and we are reprinting them here from his magazine, *Sword and Trowel* [2013, Issue 1]. I trust these will be a helpful aid in your journey of prayer.

WHY ARE WE REQUIRED TO PRAY?

1. Because prayer establishes God's sovereignty, might and majesty. The fact that we have to ask for blessing seals in our minds that God is our ruler and provider. Prayer reminds us that we need His guidance, permission and provision. If we did not have to pray, this vital awareness would surely drop out of our minds—so prayer keeps us under God's authority.
2. Because prayer brings us into fellowship with God. Would we relate closely with the Lord if we did not need to ask for our blessings?
3. Because prayer makes us deeply aware of His goodness and power. We repent and taste His forgiving love. We cry out for strength, and He restores and helps us. We ask for situations so hard that we are in despair, and He remarkably intervenes, leaving us in wonder at His kindness. If such blessings were given without our laboring in prayer, we would not appreciate them.
4. Because prayer shows us the full extent of our privileged status with the Lord. Almighty God is willing to be prevailed upon by His people! We may have no power of audience with the great people of this world, and even if we had, there is little likelihood of real influence. Yet we may go to the King of kings and Lord of lords, and be heard, because we are His own.
5. Because prayer teaches us our limitations. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve wanted independence, believing that God was withholding from them insight which would enable them to succeed without Him. Through prayer, God trains us to go in the opposite direction, and see we are incomplete and inadequate without Him.
6. Because prayer delivers from pride. If churches filled up without prayer, preachers would think highly of themselves, and take the credit. If we could live holy lives, or accomplish anything of substance without prayer, conceit would drown us. Prayer keeps us humble.
7. Because prayer delivers from self-interest, as we realize we cannot have whatever we like. Earthly aims and selfish things are shamed away before the throne of grace. We know instinctively that we must pray for others, and for the kingdom, and so we are delivered from the idol 'self.' The need to ask the Lord about every major thing we do or buy serves as a restraint upon our appetites. Prayer serves as a caution, and helps us to be better people.
8. Because prayer builds up faith and assurance more and more as one's memory bank of outstanding answers grows. At times the Lord



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delays His response until we pray repeatedly and more earnestly, all this being a trust-strengthening process. We come to believe with tenacity that He will bless, in due time. Many times when feelings fail, the evidence of God's fatherly goodness is derived from answered prayer.

9. Because prayer powerfully makes the believer aware that he is never alone. We can pray whatever our circumstances, wherever we are, and whatever the time. This is one of the great comforts arising from prayer, that nothing ever can separate us from the love of God.
10. Because prayer is a great leveller, teaching God's people that none of His servants are greater in

His sight than any other. Paul pleads for prayer as though His usefulness depended upon it—and it did. Ordinary believers had a share in his ministry by prayer, remembering that as a needy mortal, he was like them. Paul also was saved from wrong views of himself.

Thank you for praying for these broadcasting ministries. Continue to join with us in seeking the Lord's blessing, help and provision.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

THE ADVENTURES OF PATCH THE PIRATE

SATURDAYS AT 11 A.M.

Patch the Pirate along with his crew, characters and capers teach godly values to thousands of children across the world through story and song. Since 1981 Patch the Pirate, Ron Hamilton, has recorded more than 35 Patch the Pirate Adventures that are character-driven and biblically-based. In the early nineties, the adventures were adapted for radio. Ron never planned to become a pirate; it just happened, in a divine way. In 1978, the discovery of cancer in Ron's left eye resulted in the loss of his eye. After surgery, Hamilton was given a black eye patch, the real-life prop that thrust him into his role as the pirate evangelist. Since that day Ron tells us, "Many people would see the loss of my eye and the need for wearing a patch as a great trial. But I see it as one of the greatest blessings of my life. It reminds me that God teaches us the greatest lessons in the deepest valleys."

Today Ron and his wife, Shelly, write and record sacred music with the goal of reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Jesus Christ and to instill in them godly character through story and song. The *Adventures of Patch the Pirate* radio broadcast is recognized by the National Religious Broadcasters as being the third largest children's religious programming outreach. This outreach began with 45 stations and now enjoys more than 450 outlets. The *Adventures of Patch the Pirate* is underwritten by Majesty Music in Greenville, South Carolina. Majesty Music, founded by Dr. Frank Garlock, began in 1973 as Musical Ministries. The company was born out of Dr. Garlock's traveling ministry as he spoke to churches worldwide about the importance of godly music. Ron and Shelly have managed Majesty Music and written sacred music for children and adults since they joined the ministry in 1978.

Over the last few years, Ron has embarked on a new journey, having been diagnosed with early onset dementia. Although it has become increasingly difficult for him to minister in preaching and singing, he still enjoys singing as Patch for children and desires to do so for as long as he's able.

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91.9 BIRMINGHAM
107.9 TUSCALOOSA
106.1 MOODY/ODENVILLE
101.5 COLUMBIANA



106.1 JASPER
92.3 SPRINGVILLE
92.7 LEEDS
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