

**Doxa Men's Ministry  
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Base Camp for the  
Great Commission**



**#5 – Prayer and the Great Commission**

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**Testimonies**

**Introduction**

# Prayer and Disciple-making

## The Lord's Prayer and Paul's prayers as models

### Matthew 6:9-13, (ESV) <sup>1</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

[For yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.]”

### Philippians 1:9-11

<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

### Colossians 1:9-14

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**1. What does Paul pray for?**

**2. What does he say about God?**

**3. How does what he says about God relate to his requests?**

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#### **4. How do these two prayers provide a model as we pray for others?**

**Write out a one- or two-paragraph prayer in the manner of Paul for someone you're discipling or for someone else you have spiritual influence with (wife, children, etc.).**

## **Prayer and Evangelism**

### **Praying for them:**

#### **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

#### **Ephesians 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience...

#### **2 Timothy 2:26**

<sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

#### **John 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

#### **John 6:44a**

<sup>44</sup> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him."

**What are some things we can pray regarding the non-Christian? What can we ask God to do?**

## **Romans 10:1**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

## **Praying for us:**

### **Matthew 9:37-38**

<sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

### **John 4:35**

<sup>35</sup> "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

**Based on these verses, what are some ways we can pray for ourselves and for each other?**

### **Acts 4:29-31**

<sup>29</sup> "And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

### **Ephesians 6:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

### **Colossians 4:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

## 2 Thessalonians 3:1

<sup>1</sup> Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.

**From your own experience, what are some other ways we can pray for ourselves and each other?**

## Closing Comments

“The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees.”

—*E.M. Bounds*

“Prayer is striking the winning blow. Service is gathering up the results.”

—*S.D. Gordon*

“I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help Him. I ended up by asking Him to do His work through me.”

—*J. Hudson Taylor*

“The man who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history.”

—*Andrew Murray*

## Closing Instructions and Hymn

## O Church Arise

*Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

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O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded  
whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure

And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

## Sharing and Prayer

**Each man share:**

- 1. What one or two things did you learn or were reminded of today that were especially impactful?**
- 2. What action steps are you going to take as a result?**
- 3. What obstacles do you envision?**
- 4. Pray for each other, perhaps including witness to non-Christians.**