

Prayer

Who, what, when, where, why and how.

Mat 7:7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you: **8** For **every one** that asketh receiveth; and **he that seeketh** findeth; and to **him that knocketh** it shall be opened.

Joh 9:31 Now we know that God **heareth not sinners: but** if any man be a worshipper of God, and **doeth** His will, **him He heareth**.

Act 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*, **2** A devout *man*, and one that **feared** God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and **prayed** to God always.

- Cornelius was not yet a Christian and thus had not yet obeyed the gospel plan of salvation. God heard his prayers because of his devout nature in seeking Him with all his heart.

Joh 15:7 If ye **abide in Me**, and **My words abide in you**, ye shall ask **what ye will**, and it shall be done unto you. **8** Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be **My disciples**.

- There are many requirements of those whose prayers are to be heard by God. The penitent sinner who is seeking and the faithful Christian are the only two people the God will hear.

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Who?

Who to:

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask **in My name**, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 16:23 And in that day (*to the apostles it was the day of Pentecost*) ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask **the Father in My name**, He will give *it* you. **24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Who for:

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for **them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

1Th 5:25 **Brethren**, pray for **us**. (*Those who deliver the message- preachers/Bible teachers.*)

2Th 1:11 Wherefore also **we** pray always for **you**, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *His* goodness, and the work of faith

with power: **12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you**, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Th 3:1 Finally, **brethren**, pray for **us**, **that the word of the Lord may have free course**, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you: **2** And **that we may be delivered** from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith. **3** But the Lord is faithful, Who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil.

Heb 13:18 Pray for **us**: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

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What?

Mat 6:11 Give us this day **our daily bread**. **12** And **forgive us** our debts, as we forgive our debtors. **13** And **lead us not into temptation**, but **deliver us** from evil: For **Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Mat 9:37 Then saith He unto His disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few**; **38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, **that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.**

Mar 14:38 Watch ye and pray, **lest ye enter into temptation**. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that **with all boldness they may speak Thy word**,

Col 1:9 For **this cause** we also, since the day we heard *it*, **do not cease** to pray for you, and to **desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; **10** That ye **might walk worthy of the Lord** unto all pleasing, being **fruitful in every good work**, and **increasing in the knowledge of God**; **11** **Strengthened** with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all **patience and longsuffering with joyfulness**; **12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved **blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jas 1:5 If any of you lack **wisdom**, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and **it shall be given him.**

- All of these things are according to His will. It's what He wants for us.

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When?

Luk 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her

virginity; **37** And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and **prayers night and day**.

Luk 18:1 And He spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought **always** to pray, and not to faint;

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray **always**, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; **continuing instant** in prayer;

Col 4:2 **Continue** in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; **3** Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: **4** That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

1Th 5:17 Pray **without ceasing**. **18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- It should never be inconvenient to pray to the **Father Who is the Sustainer** of all life. Even when driving or in situations where we are not able to close our eyes, we are always to be in the mindset of being able to pray. **God** does not have set hours. **He** is available 24/7 and then some. Calling on **Him** in the middle of the night isn't a problem. Just as the priests trimmed the lamps in the morning and at night, we are to pray **as often** and/or even more so.

Exo 30:7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense **every morning: when he dresseth the lamps**, he shall burn incense upon it. **8** And when Aaron **lighteth the lamps at even**, he shall burn incense upon it, a **perpetual incense** before the LORD throughout your generations.

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him **much incense**, that he should offer *it* **with the prayers of all saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne. **4** And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

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Where?

- Wherever God is!

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? **8** If I ascend up into heaven, Thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell (*Heb.7585-sheol, Hades, world of the dead [as if a subterranean retreat]*), behold, Thou *art there*. **9** If I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; **10** Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. **11** If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. **12** Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike *to Thee*.

1Ti 2:8 I will therefore that men pray **every where**, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

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Why?

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a **thorn in the flesh**, the messenger (*Gk.32*) of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I **besought the Lord thrice**, that it might depart from me. 9 And He said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Jas 5:13 Is any among you **afflicted** (*Gk.2553-to undergo hardship*)? **Let him pray**. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. 15 And the prayer of faith (*Gk.4102-persuasion**) shall save the sick (*Gk.2577-to tire[figuratively faint, sicken]*), and the Lord shall raise him up; and **if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him**. 16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, **that ye may be healed** (*God cannot/will not heal physically those who are "sin sick"*). The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man **availeth much**.

**Luk 18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.*

Luk 18:7 And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?

1Jn 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, **because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight**.

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How?

Mat 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, **believing**, ye shall receive.

Luk 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and **he that humbleth himself** shall be exalted.

Mat 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt **not be as the hypocrites are**: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father Which is **in secret**; and thy Father Which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 7 But when ye pray, **use not vain repetitions**, as the heathen *do*: for they

think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.

1Co 14:15 What is it then? I will pray **with the spirit** (*intellect*), and I will pray **with the understanding** also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

1Ti 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, **lifting up holy hands** (*hands not purposefully defiled by sin*), **without wrath and doubting**.

Jas 1:6 But let him **ask in faith, nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Jas 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye **ask amiss** (*Gk.2560-badly*) [*out of an evil heart*], that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing **according to His will**, He heareth us: 15 And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

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Eph 3:13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not (*fail in heart*) at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 14 For this cause I **bow my knees** (*pray*) unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named (*when you name something you own it*), 16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened** with might by His Spirit in the inner man; 17 **That Christ may dwell in your hearts** (*minds*) **by faith**; that ye, **being rooted and grounded in love**, 18 **May be able to comprehend** with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 **And to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that **ye might be filled** with all the fulness of God. 20 Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly **above all that we ask** or think (*there's not a request that we might make which would be too hard for Him to accomplish*), according to the **power that worketh in us** (*the gospel is the power of God unto salvation – Rom 1:16*), 21 Unto Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

To summarize, prayer is to be:

- 1.) to God,
- 2.) through Jesus,
- 3.) for
 - a.) our enemies
 - b.) each other
 - c.) daily sustenance
 - d.) workers
 - e.) boldness
 - d.) forgiveness
- 4.) always,
- 5.) everywhere,
- 6.) in faith,
- 7.) with humility,
- 8.) with thought,

- 9.) without doubting,
- 10.) according to His will.

The steps to salvation, briefly:

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ... "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ... "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 2:38** ... "repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"...

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ... "even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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