

I know I can pray with power
Matthew 6:9-13 (November 10, 2024)

13 ...temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

1. WHO CAN PRAY (THE PERSON OF PRAYER)? - THE CHILDREN OF GOD
Matthew 6:9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name."

(1) Not everyone is a child of God
John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

(2) Who are the children of God?- Those who received Jesus
John 1:12 "But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He (Jesus) gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His (Jesus') name:"
Galatians 4:6 "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father'."

2. WHY DO WE PRAY (THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER)? - FOR GOD'S WILL TO BE DONE!
Matthew 6:10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
1 John 5:14 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

(1) Examples of God's will
Salvation of a soul: 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."
Christian's sanctification: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God.

(2) How can we know the will of God?
John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

3. WHAT DO WE PRAY?

(1) Our daily needs
Matthew 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread."
James 4:2 "You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask."

Philippians 4:19 "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

(2) Our pardon
a. Our own sin problem: Psalm 66:18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear." Isaiah 59:1-2 "Behold the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."
b. Our unforgiving attitude: Matthew 6:12 "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

(3) Our protection
Matthew 6:13a "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one..."
2 Peter 2:9 "Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment."
Psalm 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."
Hebrews 8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."
Romans 12:21 "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

(4) Our praising God
Matthew 6:13 "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."
Psalm 22:3 "But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel."

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. How would you define or describe your current, personal experience with prayer? What would you say is missing from it? What do you wish your prayer life was more like, and why do you think you haven't reached this level of intimacy and faith in relating with God?
- 2. What would help you make prayer more of an unceasing activity in your life (1 Thess. 5:17), rather than just an obligatory act to be performed at set times and places—in the morning, during church services, at the dinner hour?
- 3. Try to imagine life without prayer. What would be different if God had not chosen to give us this avenue of access to Him, despite how invisible and mysterious it can often seem? How does seeing prayer as a privilege rather than a compulsion affect its enjoyment to you?
- 4. Why is it understandable that the lack of forgiveness in your heart toward another person also creates a barrier between you and God in prayer? What specific, known issue of unforgiveness still exists in your life that needs to be gotten out of the way?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- ( ) Membership 101
- ( ) Maturity 201
- ( ) Ministry 301
- ( ) Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- ( ) Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- ( ) Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- ( ) How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- ( ) I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- ( ) I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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