



BOOK 03 – CHAPTER 05 – STUDY 01

Prayer Communion With God, Not Religious Speech

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FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH ABOUT PRAYER

Prayer is not religious speech, emotional release, or spiritual performance. Prayer is communion with the living God, governed by His holiness, His will, and His authority.

Scripture does not present prayer as a tool to bend God toward man, but as the means by which man is brought into alignment with God.

Prayer assumes relationship, submission, repentance, obedience, and faith. Where these are absent, prayer becomes empty words, no matter how sincere, emotional, or frequent.

The Bible consistently teaches that God hears repentance, but He does not partner with rebellion. He invites His children to come boldly, but He rejects prayer that defends sin, ignores His commandments, or seeks self-glory.

This study establishes prayer as Scripture defines it: communion with God, not religious speech.

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Prayer

The Model Prayer

Matthew 6:5-14 (KJV)

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.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

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, forever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

God's foreknowledge does not eliminate prayer, it defines its purpose. Prayer is not informing God of needs He does not know. It is the appointed means by which God draws His people into trust, submission, dependence, and obedience.

Scripture never presents God's knowledge as a reason not to pray, but as a reason to pray with confidence, humility, and faith.

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Our Father which art in heaven	Address our heavenly Father (YHWH) as the one you are talking to
Hallowed be thy name	Adoration & praise with emphasis on honor
Thy kingdom come	Spiritual requests: save the lost, wisdom, harmony in church
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.	Selflessly acknowledge YHWH as supreme,
Give us this day our daily bread	Physical requests: food, job, health
Forgive us of our debts as we forgive our debtors.	Confession of sin and request for forgiveness
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil	Expectation of YHWH's providential guidance
For thyne is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever.	Adoration & praise with emphasis on being all in all
Amen	Close of prayer: Literally, "so be it".

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Prayer is the superabundance of the heart. It is brim-full and running over with love and praise.

The word of YHWH should reside in our heart, in all its richness (**Colossians 3:16 KJV** Let the word of Hamashiach dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.). In it we are to be rooted, on it we are to be founded, by it we are to order our conduct in life, and all the time we overflow with praise and thanksgiving **Colossians 2:6-7 KJV** As ye have therefore received (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) the Lord, so walk ye in Him: 7 Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:15 (KJV) And let the peace of YHWH rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

There are about 650 different prayers in the Bible.

1. Prayer defined in the Bible is:

- a. A lifting up our soul to YHWH: **Psalms 25:1 (KJV)** Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
Psalms 143:8 (KJV) Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.
- b. A pouring out our heart to YHWH: **Psalms 62:8 (KJV)** Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: YHWH is a refuge for us. Selah.
- c. A crying out to YHWH: **Psalms 86:3 (KJV)** Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
- d. Spiritual incense to YHWH: **Revelation 5:8 (KJV)** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell

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down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

- e. Coming before the throne of grace: **Psalms 84:1-2 (KJV)** How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
Hebrews 4:16 (KJV) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.
- f. Prayer is a spiritual sacrifice & the fruit of our lips: **Hebrews 13:15 (KJV)** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to YHWH continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.
- g. Drawing close to YHWH in friendship, fellowship and trust: **James 4:8 (KJV)** Draw nigh to YHWH, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

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2. Prayer defined in terms of men is:

- a. Communion and communication.
- b. The oil of that kept the evangelistic engines of the first century Christians running.
- c. The effort of man to reach YHWH.
- d. An audience with the Father.
- e. A sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to YHWH, through (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach).
- f. The breathing process of the Christian's soul.
- g. Bringing our current emotional state into the presence of YHWH.
- h. Some mock that "answered prayer is a mere coincidence", "That may seem true, but have you ever noticed that when prayer is performed, coincidences happen and when they are not, coincidences don't happen"?
- i. Answered prayer is a coincidence and is where YHWH prefers to remain anonymous.
- j. The most powerful force accessible to man.

3. Faithless objections to prayer:

- a. The only benefit is psychological: If this statement was true then the heathen would receive the same by praying to a light bulb.
- b. Why pray when YHWH already knows what we need before we ask?
- c. Miracles have ceased therefore YHWH won't answer prayer.

Scripture makes a clear distinction between prayers that are delayed, prayers that are answered differently than expected, and prayers that are rejected.

God may delay an answer to mature faith.

God may answer differently to protect or correct His child.

God may refuse prayer entirely when it is offered from rebellion, unforgiveness, pride, or disobedience.

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Silence is not approval. Delay is not denial. And rejection is not absence, but judgment against sin.

The Bible never teaches that all prayer is accepted. It teaches that prayer is governed by God's holiness and will.

4. We prove our love and faith in YHWH by the time we spend in prayer.
 - a. "Prayer" is a commandment and by obedience we show our love to YHWH.
5. Prayerlessness is sin: **1 Samuel 12:23 (KJV)** *Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:*
Scripture does not describe prayerlessness as spiritual weakness, personality difference, or lack of discipline. It calls it sin.
To refuse prayer is to refuse dependence.
To neglect prayer is to reject communion.
To abandon prayer is to live as though God is unnecessary.
Prayerlessness is not neutral. It is disobedience.
1 Samuel 12:23 makes this unmistakably clear: ceasing to pray is sin against God.
6. Prayer characterized (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach), apostles, early Christians, and great men from the Old Testament.
7. Prayer gives us strength in every area of our walk.
 - a. Boldness in outreach: "up-reach, in-reach, then out-reach".
 - b. High spirited singing within the assemblies.
 - c. Child-magic carefree happiness and joy throughout the week.
 - d. Courage to bear up in difficult times.
8. Two different types of prayer
 - a. Closet prayers: Christ in Gethsemane.

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b. Arrow prayers: Short and meaningful prayers done at a moment of immediate need. **Nehemiah 2:4 (KJV)** Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

9. We don't get YHWH's attention with flowery words, but with a humble & repentant heart. **Mark 12:40 (KJV)** Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation. **Luke 20:47 (KJV)** Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

10. We learn to swim by swimming. ride a bike by riding. how to pray by... praying. One thing leads/adds to another. **1 Peter 1:5-10 (KJV)** Who are kept by the power of YHWH through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: **7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of **יהושע** (Jehoshua Hamashiach): **8** Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: **9** Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. **10** Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

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WHEN, WHO, HOW OF PRAYER.

1. Who has the right to pray?

a. YHWH will answer the prayers of:

i. Angels: **Revelation 4:8-11 (KJV)** And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. **9** And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, **10** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

ii. His children: **Matthew 6:6 (KJV)** 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.

Matthew 26:39 (KJV) And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

Matthew 26:42 (KJV) He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV) 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. **9** Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? **10** Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? **11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto

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your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

- iii. The righteous: **Proverbs 15:29 (KJV)** The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
1 Peter 3:12 (KJV) For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.
- iv. The obedient: **John 15:7 (KJV)** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
1 John 3:21-22 (KJV) Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward YHWH. **22** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.
- v. Holy men: **1 Timothy 2:8 (KJV)** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. (characterized by godly living)
- vi. Devout persons who are seeking YHWH: **Acts 10:2 (KJV)** A devout man, and one that feared YHWH with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to YHWH alway.
Acts 10:30-31 (KJV) And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, **31** And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of YHWH.
- vii. Those who turn away from their wicked ways: **2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

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their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Acts 8:22 (KJV) Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

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2. YHWH will not answer the prayers of those who:

Scripture does not teach that God refuses to hear a repentant sinner crying for mercy. It teaches that God refuses to partner with sin that is protected, excused, or defended.

God hears the prayer of repentance.

God rejects the prayer of defiance.

Prayer offered while clinging to known sin is not faith, it is presumption.

The issue is not weakness, but unwillingness to obey.

a. Disobedient to His Commandments: **Proverbs 28:9 (KJV)** He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Psalms 66:18-20 (KJV) If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: **19** But verily YHWH hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. **20** Blessed be YHWH, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Isaiah 1:15-17 (KJV) And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. **16** Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; **17** Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

1 John 5:17 (KJV) All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

1 Peter 3:12 (KJV) For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Are unforgiving towards others: You cannot stay in the presence of YHWH in prayer without having confessed and “cleared” your known sins: **Matthew 5:23-24 (KJV)** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; **24** Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. **Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)** For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not

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men their trespasses, neither will your **15** Father forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25 (KJV) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

a. Have unforgiven, unconfessed and unrepented sin in our lives:

Psalms 66:18 (KJV) If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Psalms 139:23-24 (KJV) Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: **24** And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Proverbs 28:9 (KJV) He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Proverbs 28:13 (KJV) He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Isaiah 59:1-2 (KJV) Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

James 4:3-4 (KJV) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. **4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with YHWH? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of YHWH.

Isaiah 59:1-2 (KJV) Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

John 9:31 (KJV) Now we know that YHWH heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of YHWH, and doeth His will, Him He heareth.

i. Daniel acknowledged sin in different ways. **Daniel 9:5 (KJV)** We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done

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wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

"not our merits but your compassion". **Verses 18-19** O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. **19** O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

while in "extreme weariness", while praying Gabriel was sent. **Verses 20-22** And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God; **21** Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. **22** And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

- b.** Mistreat their spouse: **1 Peter 3:7 (KJV)** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.
- c.** Self-righteous: **Luke 18:9-14 (KJV)** And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: **10** Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12**

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I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, YHWH 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.

d. Sin has a big effect upon our physical health too: **Psalms 32:3-7**

(KJV) When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. **4** For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. **5** I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. **6** For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. **7** Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Psalms 38:3-8 (KJV) There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. **4** For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. **5** My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. **6** I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. **7** For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh. **8** I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart

e. Ingratitude and lack of Faith will make you lose blessings:

"where are the nine lepers who were cleansed." **Luke 17:11-19**

(KJV) And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. **12** And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were

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lepers, which stood afar off: **13** And they lifted up their voices, and said, Christ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Jehoshua Hamashiach), Master, have mercy on us. **14** And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. **15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified YHWH, **16** And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. **17** And Chrys (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ) Jehoshua Hamashiach) answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? **18** There are not found that returned to give glory to YHWH, save this stranger. **19** And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

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3. When to pray?

- a. Day and night: **Luke 2:37 (KJV)** 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.
1 Thessalonians 3:10 (KJV) Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?
- b. All night: **Luke 6:12 (KJV)** And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to YHWH.
- c. Continue steadfastly, devoted: **Acts 2:42 (KJV)** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
Romans 12:12 (KJV) Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
Colossians 4:2 (KJV) Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
- d. Unceasingly: **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)** Pray without ceasing
- e. All times: **Luke 21:36 (KJV)** 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.
Ephesians 6:18 (KJV) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
Colossians 1:3 (KJV) We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), praying always for you,
1 Thessalonians 1:3 (KJV) Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), in the sight of God and our Father;

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4. Who to pray for:

- a. The lost: **Romans 10:1 (KJV)** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to YHWH for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Matthew 9:36-38 (KJV) But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. **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.

- b. Rulers: **1 Timothy 2:2 (KJV)** For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 Peter 2:13-17 (KJV) Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; **14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. **15** For so is the will of YHWH, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: **16** As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of YHWH. **17** Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear YHWH. Honour the king.

- c. The sick: **James 5:13-15 (KJV)** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. **14** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: **15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Acts 28:8 (KJV) And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

- d. Our enemies: **Matthew 5:43-48 (KJV)** Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **44**

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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; **45** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **47** And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Luke 6:27-28 (KJV) But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, **28** Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

(You cannot harbor ill feelings towards those you pray for every day.) **Romans 12:20-21 (KJV)** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. **21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

- e. Believers: **Ephesians 1:16 (KJV)** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
- Ephesians 6:18 (KJV)** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- 2 Timothy 1:3 (KJV)** I thank YHWH, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;
- Colossians 1:3 (KJV)** We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach), praying always for you,
- 1 Corinthians 1:4 (KJV)** I thank my YHWH always on your behalf, for the grace of YHWH which is given you by (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach);
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2 (KJV)** We give thanks to YHWH always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

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f. Proclaimers of the gospel: **2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (KJV)** 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.

Colossians 4:2-4 (KJV) Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; **3** Withal praying also for us, that YHWH would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), for which I am also in bonds: **4** That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Acts 4:29 (KJV) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word

Acts 12:5 (KJV) Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Acts 13:3 (KJV) And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

g. Christ's example in who to pray for: **John 17 (KJV)**

i. Pray for self...Christ did: verses **1-5** "Glorify me Now father"

These words spake (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **2** As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. **3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach), whom thou hast sent. **4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. .

ii. Pray for the saved: verses **6-19** "These you have given me". I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me

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out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **9** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **10** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

iii. Pray for the lost: verses **20-26** "that the world may believe". Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that

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the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. **24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. **26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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5. What to pray for:

- a. Petitions for a personal request: **Philippians 4:6 (KJV)** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto YHWH.
- b. wisdom: **James 1:5-8 (KJV)** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of YHWH, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **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. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.
- c. Health: **2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (KJV)** 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 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 (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) may rest upon me.
- d. Daily needs: **Matthew 6:33 (KJV)** But seek ye first the kingdom of YHWH, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- e. Resisting temptation: **Matthew 26:41 (KJV)** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- f. Intercessions for others: Prayer is not granted on the basis of sincerity, emotion, repetition, or religious effort. Prayer is granted through mediation.

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Christ is not an addition to prayer. He is the only access point. Every prayer accepted by God passes through Christ's atoning work, priesthood, and intercession. Outside of Him, prayer has no authority and no standing.

- i. (יהוֹשֻׁעַ Jehoshua Hamashiach) intercedes for us: **Isaiah 53:12 (KJV)** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
Romans 8:34 (KJV) Who is he that condemneth? It is (יהוֹשֻׁעַ) Jehoshua Hamashiach) that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of YHWH, who also maketh intercession for us.
Hebrews 7:25 (KJV) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto YHWH by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
Hebrews 9:24 (KJV) For (יהוֹשֻׁעַ) Jehoshua Hamashiach) is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of YHWH for us:
1 Timothy 2:5-6 (KJV) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man (יהוֹשֻׁעַ) Jehoshua Hamashiach); **6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
- ii. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us as we pray: **Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of YHWH.

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Ephesians 6:18 (KJV) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

iii. We should intercede for other men: **James 5:16 (KJV)**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Acts 8:24 (KJV) Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

2 Timothy 2:1 (KJV) Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach).

Exodus 32:11 (KJV) And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

Genesis 18:23-33 (KJV) And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? **24** Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? **25** That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? **26** And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. **27** And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: **28** Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. **29** And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. **30** And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there

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shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. **31** And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. **32** And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. **33** And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

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6. How to pray:

- a. Pray fervently like the world depends upon it: **Colossians 4:12**

(KJV) Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach), saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of YHWH.

Acts 9:9-11 (KJV) And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. **10** And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. **11** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

1 Thessalonians 3:10 (KJV) Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

James 5:16-18 (KJV) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. **17** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

- b. With bold confidence: (boldly, not forcefully) **Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)**
Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.
- c. With reverence: **Isaiah 66:2 (KJV)** For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

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Psalms 111:9 (KJV) He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.
Psalms 89:7 (KJV) YHWH is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

- d. With sincerity and selfless intent: **Matthew 6:5-8 (KJV)** 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.
- e. With humility: **Luke 18:9-14 (KJV)** And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: **10** Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12** I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, YHWH 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.
James 4:6 (KJV) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
James 4:10 (KJV) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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1 Peter 5:6-7 (KJV) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of YHWH, that he may exalt you in due time: **7** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 34:27 (KJV) Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before YHWH, when thou hearest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 57:15 (KJV) For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

f. Keeping alert (don't let mind drift): **Colossians 4:2 (KJV)** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
Luke 21:26 (KJV) Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

g. In Christ's name: **John 14:13-14 (KJV)** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 15:16 (KJV) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 16:24 (KJV) Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:26 (KJV) At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

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(an attitude that we pray by the authority of Christ, not merely saying the words, "In **יהושע** (Jehoshua Hamashiach's) name, Amen") **Colossians 3:17 (KJV)** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord **יהושע** (Jehoshua Hamashiach), giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

- h. Be devoted (make it a habit): **Colossians 4:2 (KJV)** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
Romans 12:12 (KJV) Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
Acts 6:4 (KJV) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- i. Have an attitude of thanksgiving: **Colossians 4:2 (KJV)** Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
- j. With a forgiving spirit: **Matthew 6:12-15 (KJV)** 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. **14** For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: **15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
Matthew 18:21-35 (KJV) Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? **22** **יהושע** (Jehoshua Hamashiach) saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. **23** Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. **24** And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. **25** But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26** The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him,

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saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **27** Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. **28** But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. **29** And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **30** And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. **31** So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. **32** Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: **33** Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? **34** And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as YHWH for (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) sake hath forgiven you.

k. With perseverance/persistence: **Luke 11:5-9 (KJV)** And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; **6** For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? **7** And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. **8** I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. **9** And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

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Ephesians 6:18 (KJV) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- I.** Don't lose heart: **Luke 18:1 (KJV)** And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- m.** Be specific: Give as many details as possible. There is value of specific requests.

Many Christians are afraid to pray with specific requests. An example would be to pray for a new blue dress shirt, or brown shoes, something tangible and with detail.

How strange it is that people who fear doing this do not hesitate to pray for the most difficult objectives of all, such as the peace of the world or the salvation of their souls! Having so little confidence in smaller prayers can make their bigger intercessions of little force. It may become a lack of faith because of the lack of "practice."

EVERYTHING in this world is under His control, and sufficient power to heal the head colds of all humanity flows at His command. Let us not be afraid then, to choose for prayer an objective that is simple and personal, making it also a habit to pray at all times. This objective must of course be in accordance with YHWH's will, for it is impossible to make His power operate contrary to His will as it is for Satan to take over heaven. **Matthew 20:20-34 (KJV)** Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. **21** And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. **22** But (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. **23** And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and

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on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. **24** And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. **25** But (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. **26** But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **27** And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: **28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. **29** And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. **30** And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. **31** And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David. **32** And (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? **33** They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. **34** So (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

James 4:3-6 (KJV) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. **4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with YHWH? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of YHWH. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, YHWH resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

John 14:13-14 (KJV) And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

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Luke 11:11-13 (KJV) If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? **12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

n. Pray expecting to receive: **Mark 11:24 (KJV)** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

2 Samuel 22:7 (KJV) In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

James 1:5-8 (KJV) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of YHWH, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **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. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Psalms 5:1-3 (KJV) Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. **2** Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. **3** My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

o. Do not reject answers to what you have been praying for **Acts 12:5 (KJV)** Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. **6** And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. **7** And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. **8** And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto

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him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. **9** And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. **10** When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. **11** And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. **12** And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. **13** And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. **14** And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. **15** And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. **16** But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

p. Praying within our public assemblies: **Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Matthew 18:20 (KJV) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 4:31 (KJV) And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of YHWH with boldness.

Acts 12:5 (KJV) Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto YHWH for him.

q. Men are to lead the prayers: **1 Timothy 2:8 (KJV)** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

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- r. "holy hands" hands that have done no evil, but practice righteousness. **1 Timothy 2:8 (KJV)** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- s. "without wrath/anger" bearing no grudge or anger towards another person: **Matthew 5:21-22 (KJV)** Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- t. "without dissensions" no strife and discord towards another: **Matthew 5:23-24 (KJV)** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; **24** Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
- u. Women are forbidden to usurp authority over men. So, if there is a male believer, the woman cannot lead on prayer: **1 Timothy 2:9-15 (KJV)** In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; **10** But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. **11** Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **12** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. **13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. **15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

7. Prayer posture:

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- a. Fell on face: **Matt 26:39 (KJV)** And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.
Mark 14:35 (KJV) And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
- b. Lifting up hands: **1 Tim 2:8 (KJV)** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- c. Kneeling down: **Luke 22:41 (KJV)** And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,
Acts 7:60 (KJV) And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.
Acts 9:40 (KJV) But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
Acts 20:36 (KJV) And when he And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed. had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.
Acts 21:5 (KJV) And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.
Ephesians 3:14 (KJV) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach),
2 Chronicles 6:13 (KJV) For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven.

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Daniel 6:10 (KJV) Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

- d. Standing: **Mark 11:25 (KJV)** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.
- e. Sitting: **2 Sam 7:18 (KJV)** Then went king David in, and sat before the Lord, and he said, Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

8. Practical observations:

- a. Some pray for a barrel, then carry a cup.
- b. Don't expect a thousand-dollar answer to a 10-cent prayer. **Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. **Mark 11:24 (KJV)** Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

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YHWH 'S RESPONSES TO OUR PRAYERS

1. YES:

- a. Speedy reply: Parable of unjust judge: **Luke 18:1-8 (KJV)** And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; **2** Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not YHWH, neither regarded man: **3** And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. **4** And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not YHWH, nor regard man; **5** Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. **6** And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. **7** And shall not YHWH avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? **8** I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?
- b. YHWH knows what we need: **Matt 7:11 (KJV)** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
- c. Prayer is answered but we don't see result.

2. NO:

- a. Sin in our lives.
- b. Our prayers can be hindered if we mistreat our wife (or husband): **1 Peter 3:7 (KJV)** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

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- c. "If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear." **Psalms 66:18 (KJV)** If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

John 9:31 (KJV) Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
- d. Wrong attitude or motives: **James 4:3 (KJV)** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- e. Why was the Pharisee's prayer not answered, but the Publican's was:

Luke 18:9-15 (KJV) And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: **10** Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **11** The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. **12** I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. **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. **15** And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them.
- f. Ask out of selfishness: **James 4:3 (KJV)** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- g. An outward show for others to praise your "spirituality": **Matt 6:5 (KJV)** 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.
- h. We ask for something that violates YHWH 's revealed will.
- i. Within our own ability to answer: **James 2:14-16 (KJV)** What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not

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works? can faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, **16** And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

- j. We simply don't ask: **James 4:2 (KJV)** 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.
- k. We are using vain repetition: **Matthew 6:7 (KJV)** But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

3. Prayers YHWH will not answer:

- a. Unoffered prayers: **James 4:2 (KJV)** 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.
- b. Hit 'n run prayers: **Luke 18:1-8 (KJV)** And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; **2** Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not YHWH, neither regarded man: **3** And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. **4** And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not YHWH, nor regard man; **5** Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. **6** And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. **7** And shall not YHWH avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? **8** I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?
- c. Wavering prayers: **James 1:6-7 (KJV)** 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. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

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- d. Repetitive, wordy prayers: **Matthew 6:7 (KJV)** But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

- e. Show-off prayers: **Matthew 6:5 (KJV)** 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.
- f. Selfish prayers: **James 4:3 (KJV)** Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- g. Misdirected prayers: **1 Kings 18:26-29 (KJV)** And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. **27** And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. **28** And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. **29** And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.
- h. Faithless prayers: **Matthew 17:19-20 (KJV)** Then came the disciples to (יהושעַ) Jehoshua Hamashiach) apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? **20** And (יהושעַ) Jehoshua Hamashiach) said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

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4. WAIT

- a. **Lamentations 3:25 (KJV)** The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.
Psalms 37:7 (KJV) Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
(David had to wait for YHWH's deliverance) **Psalms 10:1 (KJV)**
Why standest thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
- b. Sometimes we are not yet able to receive what we ask: **John 16:12-13 (KJV)** I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- c. YHWH as a father determines it is in our best interest to wait.
- d. Example: Pray for a marriage partner but may not be ready for marriage.
- e. We are impatient but: "a day to the Lord is as a thousand years".

5. THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYER: **Psalms 65:2 (KJV)** O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

- a. YHWH answers prayer: **Psalms 34:17 (KJV)** The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
Psalms 20:6 (KJV)
- b. Nothing YHWH can't do: **Jeremiah 32:17 (KJV)** Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.
- c. Notice Chrsit's reply to "If you can do anything..." **Mark 9:22-23 (KJV)** And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. **23** יהושע (Jehoshua Hamashiach)

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said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

d. YHWH is a loving Father: **Acts 17:25 (KJV)** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
Hebrews 12:9 (KJV) Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
Psalm 103:13 (KJV) Like as a father pitied his children, so the Lord pitied them that fear him.
Psalm 27:10 (KJV) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

e. A Father to nation Israel: **Ezekiel 16:4-6 (KJV)** And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. **5** None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. **6** And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live.
Ezekiel 16:9-10 (KJV) Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. **10** I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

f. We are children of adoption: **Galatians 3:26-27 (KJV)** For ye are all the children of God by faith in (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach). **27** For as many of you as have been baptized into (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach) have put on (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach).
Rom 8:14-15 (KJV) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **15** For ye have not received the spirit of

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bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

- g. YHWH will supply all our needs: **Philippians 4:19 (KJV)** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by (בָּרוּךְ יְהוָה Jehoshua Hamashiach).
- h. He did not spare His son, how much more...**Romans 8:32 (KJV)** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

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1. TIPS ON PRAYER:

- a. Be brief.
- b. Make it the first thing in the day.
- c. Set aside some time each day like Daniel did: **Dan 6:10 (KJV)** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
- d. Use a prayer list unless you have a perfect memory.
- e. Use cue cards as you pray for each A.C.T.S. category of prayer.
- f. Write out several verses on 3x5 cue cards from each category.
- g. Select a cue card from each category & place them in the order you choose.
- h. Begin praying & read each of the four cue cards at the appropriate time.
- i. Paul placed great emphasis on praying for people.
- j. Don't let your mind wander, prayer is work **Colossians 4:12 (KJV)** Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Yeshau, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of YHWH.

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- k. Get away from distractions: **Matthew 14:23 (KJV)** And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.
- Matthew 6:6 (KJV)** 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.)
- i. If it's not the phone ringing, the door knocking, the bird chirping, the cat meowing, the kids crying, then it's your mind wandering over all the things you have to do or didn't do.
- l. Pray out loud- it will become conversational & consistent.
- m. Choose a posture that will keep you alert: (laying down/soft chair can make you sleepy).

Prayer exposes the true condition of the heart.

It reveals obedience or resistance, humility or pride, submission or self-rule. God invites His people to pray boldly, but He does not lower His holiness to accommodate rebellion. Communion with God requires alignment with God. Prayer is not measured by words spoken, time spent, or emotion felt. It is measured by obedience, repentance, faith, and submission to His will. Prayer is communion with God, not religious speech.

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