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Alone, undisturbed, with God

Forgive so you can be at peace with your brothers and sisters in the Lord

Confess your accidental sins

Faith that God keeps His promises

Brief petition, aligned with God's will

Format your prayer as the Lord did: Honor/thanks/protection/petition

Listen, Confirm, Act, Ready for lifestyle changes

Pray again, at least daily

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Matthew

- **Matthew 2:12-13**, *“And it was made clear to them by God in a dream that they were not to go back to Herod; so they went into their country by another way. And when they had gone, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream, saying, Get up and take the young child and his mother, and go into Egypt, and do not go from there till I give you word; for Herod will be searching for the young child to put him to death”*
- **Matthew 3:8**, *“Produce fruit that is consistent with repentance.”*
- **Matthew 5:21-22**, *“Thou shall not kill includes not even hating.”*
- **Matthew 5:23-24**, *“If you are presenting an offering ...and remember your brother has something against you, leave the offering and reconcile yourself with your brother, then come back and present the offering”*
- **Matthew 5:27-28**, *“Thou shall not commit adultery, stops it at its source, the heart.”*
- **Matthew 6:6**, *“when you pray, go into your room (alone), shut the door and pray to your Father in secret.”*
- **Matthew 6:7**, *“when you pray, don’t say meaningless things...your father knows what you need before you ask him.”*
- **Matthew 6:9-15**. *“Pray then like this:*
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”
- **Matthew 7:7-11**, *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks **receives**, and the one who **seeks finds**, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*
- **Matthew, 9:22**, *“Jesus said, ‘your faith has made you well.’”*
- **Matthew 9:28**, *“healed the blind because of their faith.”*
- **Matthew 11:25-30**, *“At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from wise and intelligent people and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, because this is what was pleasing to you. All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one fully knows the Son except the Father, and no one fully knows the Father except the Son and the person to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ” Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest for your souls, 30 because my yoke is pleasant, and my burden is light.” (also Luke 10:21-22)*
- **Matthew 14:21**, *“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him.”*
- **Matthew 18:19**, *“...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, **it will be done** for them by My father in heaven.”*
- **Matthew 18:21-22**, *“Then Peter came up and asked him, “Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I have to forgive him? Seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I tell you, not just seven*

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times, but 77 times.”

- **Matthew 19:17**, *“if you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments.”*
- **Matthew 21:22**, *“whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”*
- **Matthew 22:36-40**, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*
- **Matthew 26:36**, *“Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here, while I go over there and pray.’”*
- **Matthew 26: 39**, *“And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”*
- **Matthew 26:44**, *“Father, your will be done.”*
- **Matthew 3:8**, What is repentance? Its basic meaning is "to change" or "to turn.". **Remorse without a change in conduct is not repentance!**
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Mark

- **Mark 1:15**, *“Repent and believe in the gospel.”*
- **Mark 1:35**, *“Jesus prayed at first light.”*
- **Mark 4:3**, *“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*
- **Mark 5:16**, *“he went to deserted places to pray.”*
- **Mark 9:23**, *“All things are possible for one who believes.”*
- **Mark 11:22-24**, *And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*
- **Mark 11:25-26**, *““Whenever you stand up to pray, forgive whatever you have against anyone, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins. But if you do not forgive, your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins.”*
- **Mark 12:16**, *“he went to the mountain to pray.*

LUKE

- **Luke 3:21**, *“Jesus was baptized and was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.”*
- **Luke 5:12-13** – *“One day while Jesus was in one of the cities, a man covered with leprosy saw Jesus and fell on his face, begging him, “Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean. So Jesus reached out his hand and touched him, saying, “I do want to. Be clean!” Instantly the leprosy left him.”*
- **Luke 6:13**, *“he went to the mountain to pray; and continued all night in prayer to God.”*
- **Luke 6:46**, *“Why do you call Me Lord, Lord and do not do the things I say”*
- **Luke 7:2-8**, *a certain centurion's servant was at the point of death. And when he heard concerning Jesus, he sent word asking him that he would come and save his servant. . . Jesus went ...and when he was near, the centurion sent friends to tell Jesus not to trouble coming nearer . . . but say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: I say to this one, Go, and he goes and to another, Come, and he comes...when Jesus heard these things, he marveled...turned and said to the multitude following him, “I say to you I have not found faith so great!”...returning to the house, they found the servant well. “*

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- **Luke 7:50**, *“And he said unto the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.”*
- **Luke 9:18**, *“He prayed alone.”*
- **Luke 9:28-31**, *“he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became white and dazzling. And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Moses and Elijah; who appeared in glory, and spoke of his decease which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”*
- **Luke 10:17**, *“And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name.”*
- **Luke 11:5-9**, *“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”*
- **Luke 11:13**, *“If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly **Father give** the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”*
- **Luke 11:23**, *“He that is not with me is against me.”*
- **Luke 12:47-48**, *“to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.”*
- **Luke 17:1-14**, *“The High Priestly Prayer: 1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that **they know you the only true God**, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; **your word is truth**. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, **but also for those who will believe in me through their word**, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one even as we are one**, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that **the love with which you have loved me may be in them**, and I in them.”*
- **Luke 18:1**, *“men **ought always** to pray, and not to faint.”*
- **Luke 18:13**, *“But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be humbled.”*
- **Luke 19:46**, *“It is written, And my house shall be a house of prayer.”*

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- **Luke 22:31-32**, *"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren."*
- **Luke 22:40-46**, *He went to the mount of Olives with his disciples & told them to pray, then prayed alone, asking God to remove this cup from me unless it is your will. He didn't like the answer and kept praying in supplication, even sweating blood, but in the end accepted God's Will. When he rose, he found the disciples asleep, and told them to rise and pray. (50)*
- **Luke 23:46**, *"Father into your hands."*
- **Luke 24:24-28**, *"Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see. And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Him'. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent. So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight."*

John

- **John 1:1-4**, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men."*
- **John 5:17**, *"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."*
- **John 6:38**, *"I came from heaven to do my Father's will."*
- **John 8:29**, *"He never leaves me because I please Him."*
- **John 9:31**, *"God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him."*
- **John 14:6**, (ESV) *"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*
- **John 14: 7** (ESV), *"If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*
- **John 14:9** (ESV), *"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."*
- **John 14:12-14** (ESV), *"if you believe in me you will do the works I do...because I am going to my Father. Ask in my name and this I will do to glorify my Father."*
- **John 14:21**, *"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*
- **John 14:23** *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."*
- **John 14:24** (ESV), *"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; the word which you hear is the Father's."*
- **John 15:7-12**, *"If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you can ask for anything you want, and you will receive it. This is how my Father is glorified, when you produce a lot of fruit and so prove to be my disciples. Just as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. So abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you."*
- **John 15:26**, *"I will send the Spirit, and you must testify."*

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- **John 20:29**, *“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

Acts

- **Acts 1:14**, *“These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”*
- **Acts 2:42-44**, *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all that believed were together.”*
- **Acts 4:24-25**, *“And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O Lord, thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 who by the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say, Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples imagine vain things.”*
- **Acts 5:19**, *“But in the night an angel of the Lord, opening the doors of the prison, took them out and said, 20 Go, take your place in the Temple and give the people all the teaching about this Life.”*
- **Acts 8:18**, *“You must repent to gain the power to pray. Become a new person, by loving God and loving people.”*
- **Acts 9:2-6**, *“As Saul traveled along and was approaching Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. 4 He dropped to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The voice said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up, go into the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”*
- **Acts 9:5...18**, *Saul heard the voice of Jesus, saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? And he said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do. The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one... then Ananias heard from the Lord, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name. He did as he was told, laid hands on Saul, who then rose and was baptized.”*
- **Acts 9:10-12**, *“the Lord said to Ananias in a vision, ‘Get up, and go to Straight street, find Saul of Tarsus, he is at prayer; lay hands on him, so that he may be able to see.’”*
- **Acts 12:5**, *“Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him.”*
- **Acts 14:10**, *“seeing that he had faith to be made whole, said with a loud voice, “Stand upright on thy feet”. And he leaped up and walked”*
- **Acts 16:9**, *“As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately looked for a way to go to Macedonia, because we were convinced that God had called us to tell the people there a the good news.”*
- **Acts 17:30-31**, *“God has given assurance of this by raising Christ from the dead”.*
- **Acts 25:26-31**, *“But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, Get up, and go to the south, to the road which goes from Jerusalem to Gaza, through the waste land. And he went and there was a man of Ethiopia, a servant of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, and controller of all her property, who had come up to Jerusalem for worship; He was going back, seated in his carriage, and was reading the book of the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near, and get on his carriage. And Philip, running up to him, saw that he was reading Isaiah the prophet, and said to him, Is the sense of what you are reading clear to you? And he said, How is that possible when I have no guide? And he made Philip get up by his side.*
- **Acts 27:23**, *“For this night there came to my side an angel of the God who is my Master and whose servant I am, 24 Saying, Have no fear, Paul, for you will come before Caesar, and God has given to you all those who are sailing with you. 25 And so, O men, be of good heart, for I have faith in God that it will be as he said to me. 26 But we will be sent on to a certain island.”*

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Romans

- **Romans 1:17**, "...The righteous shall live by faith."
- **Romans 1:18-32**, "God's Wrath on Unrighteousness - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! **Amen. NOT ESV**
- **Romans 5:1-2**, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand"
- **Romans 11:26-32**, " For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."
- **Romans 4:17-24**, "Abraham acted in faith when he stood in the presence of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that don't yet exist. Hoping in spite of hopeless circumstances, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," just as he had been told: "This is how many descendants you will have." His faith did not weaken when he thought about his own body (which was already as good as dead now that he was about a hundred years old) or about Sarah's inability to have children, nor did he doubt God's promise out of a lack of faith. Instead, his faith became stronger and he gave glory to God, being absolutely convinced that God would do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." Now the words "it was credited to him" were written not only for him but also for us. Our faith will be regarded in the same way, a if we believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead."
- **Romans 5:1-2**, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand."
- **Romans 6:1-12**, "baptism signifies a symbolic dying to sin and the resurrection to a new life and reception of the Holy Spirit."
- **Romans 6:11-13**, "see yourselves as dead to sin, but living to God in Christ Jesus. For this cause do not let sin be ruling in your body which is under the power of death, so that you give way to its desires; And do not give your bodies to sin as the instruments of wrongdoing, but give yourselves to God, becoming "clean & holy" before God, because "He is Holy", so He can accept your prayers, and answer them, to make you holy."
- **Romans 8:26**, "Likewise the **Spirit helps** us in our weakness. For we **do not know what to pray for** as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the **will of God**. 28 And we know that for those who **love God** all things work together for good."
- **Romans 10:8-10**, When you believe something you have confidence in it and are willing to trust it. This trust leads you to begin to act in accordance with what he believes, and the result is obedience

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to it, when repeated often enough, results in faith. "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- **Romans 10:12-13**, *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*
- **Romans 10:14-21**, *"How are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? How are they to hear without someone preaching? How are they to preach unless they are sent? How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news! faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*
- **Romans 12:12**, *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*
- **Romans 15:5-6**, *"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- **Romans 15:13**, *"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy ghost."*

1 Corinthians

- **1 Colossians 3:16**, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."*
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**, *"Sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunks, slanderers, and robbers will not inherit the kingdom of God."*

2 Corinthians

- **2 Corinthians 1:11**, *"ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf."*
- **2 Corinthians 5:7**, *"for we walk by faith, not by sight." (100)*
- **2 Chronicles 7:14**, *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*
- **2 Corinthians 13:5** – *"Those who are in the truth live according to their beliefs in God, not carnality."*

Galatians

- **Galatians 3:10-14**, *"For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them. 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for The righteous shall live by faith. But the law is not of faith, rather, The one who does them shall live by them. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us for it is written, Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."*
- **Galatians 5:19-21**, *"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you. .. those who practice these will not inherit the kingdom of God."*

Bible reference for Prayer by Category

Ephesians

- **Ephesians 1:11**, “In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
- **Ephesians 1:15-23**, “*PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL INSIGHT* This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the perception of your mind may be enlightened so you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His
- **Ephesians 2:10**, “the Father created us for good works, He prearranged for us to perform.” How can a person with a dead faith that produces no works, be in God's Kingdom, since he would be failing to do the very thing for which God is creating him in Christ?”
- **Ephesians 2:18**, “For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”
- **Ephesians 6:18**, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”
- **Ephesians 6:12**, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Phillipians

- **Philippians 4:6-7**, “In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”
- **Philippians 4:13**, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Colossians

- **Colossians 1:9-14**, “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the **knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him, **bearing fruit** in every good **work** and increasing in the **knowledge of God**. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance **and patience** with joy, giving **thanks** to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has **delivered us** from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

1 Thessalonians

- **1 Thess 2:13**, “And for this cause we still give praise to God, that, when the word came to your ears through us, you took it, not as the word of man, but, as it truly is, the word of God, which has living power in you who have faith.”
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17**, “pray without ceasing.”

Timothy

- **1 Timothy 2:1-5**, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”

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- **1 Timothy 2:8**, *"I desire that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without anger or quarreling."*
- **2 Timothy 2:15-17**, *"Do your best to present yourself to God as an approved worker who has nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of truth with precision."*

Hebrews

- **Hebrews 3:2**, *"God said to Moses, there is no one like you."*
- **Hebrews 4:16**, *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*
- **Hebrews 7:25**, *"he is able to save ... those who draw near to God through him, since he lives to make intercession for them."*
- **Hebrews 10:19**, *"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus."*
- **Hebrews 10:22-25**, *"Let us draw near with a true heart, full of faith, our hearts removed from evil; holding fast to the profession of our faith without wavering; provoking each other to do good works; assembling ourselves together."*
- **Hebrews 10:37-38**, *"For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."*
- **Hebrews 11:1** *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*
- **Hebrews 11:6**, *"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God **must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.**"*
- **Hebrews 10:26-27(NIV)** *"If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."* (Paul is not speaking of sin in general but the specific sin of apostasy from the faith they once knew and professed. The apostasy he has in mind is not so much an act but a state brought on by many individual attitudes and sins, reproducing the original, carnal antagonism a person has toward God before conversion.)

James

- **James 1:5**, *"If you lack wisdom, ask **God, who gives to all men liberally.**"*
- **James 1:22-28**, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."*
- **James 2:17** - *Just as surely as a dead person does no works, so a faith, a religion, that does not include works is also dead. Thus, a person in whom living, saving faith exists will produce works."*
- **James 4.3**, *"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."*
- **James 5:14-15**, *"Is anyone among you sick? 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. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."*
- **James 5:15-16**, *"And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and*

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pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

1 Peter

- **1 Peter 1:15-16**, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”
- **1 Peter 3:7**, “Likewise husbands, give honor and understanding to your wife . . . heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”
- **1 Peter 3:12-18**, “*For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil. 13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good? 14 But even if ye should suffer for righteousness 'sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled; 15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear: 16 having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of life in Christ. 17 For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well- doing than for evil- doing. 18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.*”
- **1 Peter 3:7**. “Husbands, live with your wives in understanding, show her honor as a fellow heir of grace...so your prayers will not be hindered”
- **1 Peter 3:12**, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

2 Peter

- **2 Peter 1:3-11**, “*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*”
- **2 Peter 1:3-11**, “*make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.*”
- **2 Peter 2:20-22** , “*No matter how clean we are on the outside, if the inside, the nature, the heart, remains unchanged, or if we resort again to habitual sin we will return to what we came from and once more be filthy both inside and out.*”

1 John

- **1 John 1:9-10**, “*if we make it our habit to confess our sins, in his faithful righteousness he forgives us for those sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have never sinned, we make him a liar and his word has no place in us.*”

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- **1 John 3:22**, *"Whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."*
- **1 John 5:14-16**, *"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."*
- **1 John 5:16-19**, *"16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. 18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."*
- **1 John 5:41** *"...if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."*

Revelation

- **Revelations 4:** *But people who are cowardly, unfaithful, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars will find themselves in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death that the cowardly, the unbelieving, and the abominable will not live eternally." (148)*

Old Testament

1 Chronicles

- **2 Chronicles 7:14**, *"If My people who are called by name, **humble themselves**, and pray and seek My face, **and turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

Nehemiah

- **Nehemiah 9:1-38**, *"... the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth ... stood and confessed their sins, & read in the book of the law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day; another fourth part they confessed, & worshipped Jehovah their God... saying "blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 Thou art Jehovah, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven... with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and You protect them all ... yet we are servants this day, nonetheless, we make a sure covenant with You, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, seal unto it."*

Job

- **Job 33:25-33**, *"then man prays to God, and he accepts him; he sees his face with a shout of joy, and he restores to man his righteousness... He has redeemed my soul from going down into the pit ... God does all these things, twice, three times, with a man, to bring back his soul from the pit ... Pay attention, O Job, listen to me; be silent, and I will speak. If you have any words, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify you, If not, listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you wisdom."*

Psalms

- **Psalms 65:1-4**, *"Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple."*
- **Psalm 66:18**, *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear."*
- **Psalm 119:161-172**, *"Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your*

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words. I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules. Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and I do your commandments. My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you."

Proverbs

- **Proverbs 16:29**, *"The Lord ... hears the prayer of the righteous ... Who ever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence."*
- **Proverbs 28:9**, *"One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination."*
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Isaiah

- **Isaiah 1:15-16**, *"even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood...cease to do evil."*
- **Isa 59:1-2**, *"his ear is not shut from hearing: But your sins have come between you and your God; by your evil doings his face has been veiled from you, so that he will give you no answer"*
- **Isaiah 65:24**, *"It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."*

Jeremiah

- **Jeremiah 33:3**, *"Call on me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you don't know."*

Amos

- **Amos 5:4**, *"Seek to know Me by living the same way I do."* (What is repentance? Its basic meaning is "to change" or "to turn.". **Remorse without a change in conduct is not repentance!**)

Trust & Obey = Faith

Romans 10:8-10, When you believe something and have confidence that it is trust it. This confidence leads you to begin to act in accordance with what he believes, and the result is obedience to it, when repeated often enough, results in faith. "The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one *believes to righteousness*, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

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."* (166)

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How to Prepare for prayer:

- 1) **Alone** – Jesus made this the first requirement. When you pray you are communicating with the God of the Universe. He wants your full attention, so go where you won't be distracted. When you pray in a group, focus on who you are talking to, and what you are asking for.
- 2) **Forgiving** – God can't forgive you if you are holding a grudge against someone who has wronged you, or if someone else has a reason to hold one against you for you wronging them. Seek forgiveness and give it before praying.
- 3) **Confess** – not remorse over the sin in your life, but actual change – stop sinning by loving your neighbor with your words and actions, and
- 4) **Trust – Believe - Faith.** If you don't believe God is listening, can fulfill your request, loves you enough to do it, and to protect you from temptation and give you the strength to fulfill His will, don't ask.
- 5) **Format an answerable, brief petition aligned with God's will;** preferably a yes/no, because observable answers build faith in you and those around you it is your duty to share it with.
- 6) **The Lord's Prayer format: Honor/Thanks/Petition**
- 7) **Keep it short.** God already knows what you need. All he wants to know is your heart on the matter. He doesn't need suggestions on how to fix it, but he wants you to ask Him to. Again, only what you have faith he will do. No faith, no answer.
- 8) **Listen.** You may get your answer immediately, through the Spirit, a voice, a dream, a call, who knows. You may get the answer a year later. Have faith He heard the prayer and will respond, if you have met all the criteria above. If not, fix it and pray again. Forgive that person, study your bible for God's general will on the problem at hand, quit the sin standing between you and God.
- 9) **Pray daily. Jesus did.** Set aside the time and energy. Meditate on God all day, to keep his commandments fresh before you and to feed your faith. Maybe the sin closing God's ears to your prayers will be revealed. Be ready for it.

Key Verses

- Matthew 17:19, "If your **faith** were as a grain of mustard seed, you could move a mountain; nothing would be impossible for you."
- Mat 21:19-22, "Whatsoever you ask in prayer, **believing**, you will receive."
- Mat 18:21, "Forgive to receive forgiveness"
- Mat 26:38, "deny your flesh or lose your life"
- Mk 9:22, "your faith has made you well"
- Mk 9:28, "healed the blind because of their faith"
- Mk 11:24, "ask and receive, if you have faith"
- Luke 7:2-8, a centurion's servant was at the point of death, so he sent word to Jesus, asking him to save his servant. Jesus went, but when he was near, the centurion sent friends to tell Jesus not to trouble coming nearer, instead simply say the word and my servant shall be healed. For I too have authority. If I say to Go, they go. When Jesus heard these things he marveled, "I have not found faith so great!". And so, when the Centurian returned to his house, the servant was well.
- Luke 7:50, "And he said unto the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.
- Luke 12:47-48, "And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a

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beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.”

- Luke 18:01, “persistence is good, faith is better”
- Luke 18:13, “But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled.”
- Luke 23:46, “Father into your hands”
- John 4:10 – Samaritan woman at the well: “If you had knowledge of what God gives freely and who it is who says to you, Give me water, you would make your prayer to him, and he would give you living water.
- John 14:16 - And I will make prayer to the Father and he will give you another Helper to be with you for ever
- John 16:23-27, “If you ask anything of the Father, He will give it to you **in my name** . . . because the Father loves you for loving me, and believing I came from Him.”
- John 16:26 In that day you will make requests in my name: and I do not say that I will make prayer to the Father for you, 27 For the Father himself gives his love to you, because you have given your love to me and have had faith that I came from God. 28 I came out from the Father and have come into the world: again, I go away from the world and go to the Father
- John 17:9 My prayer is for them: my prayer is not for the world, but for those whom you have given to me, because they are yours 10 (All mine are yours, and yours are mine) and I have glory in them
- John 17:15 My prayer is not that you will take them out of the world, but that you will keep them from the Evil One. 16 They are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 17 Make them holy by the true word: your word is the true word. 18 Even as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for them I make myself holy, so that they may be made truly holy
- John 17:20 My prayer is not for them only, but for all who will have faith in me through their word; 21 May they all be one! Even as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, so let them be in us, so that all men may come to have faith that you sent me. 22 And the glory which you have given to me I have given to them, so that they may be one even as we are one; 23 I in them, and you in me, so that they may be made completely one, and so that it may become clear to all men that you have sent me and that they are loved by you as I am loved by you. 24 Father, it is my desire that these whom you have given to me may be by my side where I am, so that they may see my glory which you have given to me, because you had love for me before the world came into being. 25 Father of righteousness, I have knowledge of you, though the world has not; and to these it is clear that you sent me; 26 And I have given to them knowledge of your name, and will give it, so that the love which you have for me may be in them and I in them
- Acts 6:5, “they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit”
- Acts 14:10, “seeing that he had faith to be made whole, 10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked”
- 2 Cor 5:25 “we are ambassadors for Christ, God speaking through us, by sharing the answers God gives us to prayer, enabling belief.
- Heb 11:06, “...without faith it is impossible to please God...”
- Heb 11:39, “...faith promises reward, but not release from trial...”