

Unleash God's Power: PRAY!

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

What is prayer? It's more than just making requests — prayer is communion with God. It involves entering God's presence, worshipping, listening, and seeking intimacy with Him. The disciples recognized the importance of prayer when they asked Jesus to teach them HOW TO PRAY (Luke 11:1). They could have sought guidance in doing miracles and other things, yet their focus on prayer shows its profound impact in transforming our Christian journey.

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us how to pray and urges us to view prayer not as a duty but as a delight and a privilege. God already knows our needs even before we ask Him! Let's look into the pattern Jesus taught us on how to unleash God's power through prayer.

OUR FATHER... The initial focus is on GOD. This is revolutionary. While the Old Testament mentions God's fatherhood to nations, in the New Testament, He is OUR Father — implying a personal, deeply connected relationship. Despite negative experiences with earthly fathers, we should not let them taint our perception of the perfect Father we have in God! (Matthew 7:11)

WHO IS IN HEAVEN... God is Almighty, possessing all resources, complete power, and authority! To pray to God acknowledges His ultimate sovereignty. We are blessed to have direct and full access to our loving Father in heaven!

HALLOWED... Derived from the Greek word HAGIAZO, meaning "holy", we glorify His Name. By doing so, we commit to living our lives in a way that our actions, speech, and lifestyle honors Him. To UNLEASH God's power, we must focus on Him and hallow His Name, desiring to honor Him daily.

YOUR KINGDOM COME... "Kingdom" is from the Greek word BASILEIA ("rule" or "reign"). To pray for His Kingdom come focuses on the greatness of our Father, the King of kings! Our lives must therefore reflect royalty. Yes, we are sinners, but we are SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. By believing in Jesus the Son of God, we become His children (John 1:12).

This is how GREAT the LOVE of GOD is: we are part of this great kingdom, and we shall reign with Jesus forever (1 John 3:1).

YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN... We declare that we are ready and willing to obey God's will for our lives. We pray to hear from God and ask for help to discern His will. Is God LORD over all your time and habits? What does He want us to say, think, or do? If we sincerely wish to follow God, we need to follow His Word and live a life that focuses on God.

In the Old Testament, King Jehoshaphat encountered a formidable challenge with enemies surrounding Judah (2 Chronicles 20). Instead of succumbing to fear, Jehoshaphat turned to prayer, focusing on God's identity and past faithfulness. His prayer, deeply rooted in knowledge of God's Word, exemplifies the transformative power of aligning with God's will. Jehoshaphat admitted his helplessness and surrendered to God, seeking divine guidance.

God's response affirmed that the battle was His, leading to a remarkable turn of events. By placing worship at the forefront, Jehoshaphat not only prayed but also worshipped, praised, and gave thanks to God. This act of worship magnified God's awesome nature and set the stage for His intervention. The story concludes with abundant spoil and great joy for God's people, showcasing the victorious outcome of Jehoshaphat's reliance on prayer and worship. This narrative serves as a powerful lesson on the transformative effects of faith, humility, and gratitude during challenges.

Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

May we also experience God's power unleashed as we focus and surrender everything to Him in prayer!

Last Week's Memory Verse

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

MATTHEW 6:9-10

Discuss This Message

What do you know about who God is? How does this help you in your prayer life?

What worries you the most? Is there a promise from God that can help you view this worry in a better way?

What are you most thankful for to God, even if you are still waiting for the answers to your prayers?

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13

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