



## Worship in Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

God has \_\_\_\_\_ us with the privilege of prayer. Our Father in Heaven keeps his ears \_\_\_\_\_ every moment of our lives. We might go to \_\_\_\_\_ praying to Him, but He never goes to sleep on us. The Bible says, "pray \_\_\_\_\_ ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). No one can pray twenty-four \_\_\_\_\_ a day, but that's not what this passage is saying. God wants us to make prayer a daily \_\_\_\_\_ and never quit on Him. It's only when we \_\_\_\_\_ our utter need and dependence on God that we awaken to what a privilege it is to pray.

Private prayer is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ moments of life. Prayer is personal \_\_\_\_\_ with our Father in Heaven, in which we reveal our \_\_\_\_\_. In prayer we honor and recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that He has in our lives. God's name is already holy, but we \_\_\_\_\_ to say that with our prayers. We need to say what the twenty-four elders who surrounded the \_\_\_\_\_ of God said. They said, "worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to \_\_\_\_\_ glory and honor and power,; for You \_\_\_\_\_ all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created" (Revelation 4:11).

Jesus prayed \_\_\_\_\_ and He prayed fervently (Luke 5:16). Before He appointed the \_\_\_\_\_ He prayed all night (Luke 6:12). When Jesus was crucified, he began His \_\_\_\_\_ with prayer, and He ended His time on the cross in prayer (Luke 23:34, 46). If the Lord Himself had such a \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer, certainly we \_\_\_\_\_ to pray as well.

The Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us to pray, "Our Father." When we pray as \_\_\_\_\_, we're able to approach God's throne because of our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. When a person becomes a Christian, he also becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Galatians 3:26-27). We have our \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father through Jesus Christ. And when we pray to the Father, we should pray in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus (John 16:23).

Our Father lovingly and wondrously \_\_\_\_\_ us to pray. God already \_\_\_\_\_ what's on your heart (Matthew 6:8). But the Lord wants us to pray, because it's important for us to \_\_\_\_\_ God for our needs and to thank Him for what He has already done, and to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of our utter dependence upon our Father in Heaven. There are many times in \_\_\_\_\_ when we need reminding of our need for God.

**Read Matthew 7:7-11** We don't have a reluctant God who cares \_\_\_\_\_ for our needs. And we don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ God to let us pray. Our God is not like the \_\_\_\_\_ gods of the Gentiles who cried out with "meaningless repetitions." God wants us to pray, just as any father wants to \_\_\_\_\_ from his children. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives. When you ask of God, ask in \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 11:22-24; James 1:5-8).

Sometimes people pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ things. When we ask God to bless us, we should consider whether what we're asking for is God's \_\_\_\_\_. Our \_\_\_\_\_ and God's will are not always the same (1 John 5:14-15). When you pray, do not ask with \_\_\_\_\_ motives (James 4:1-3). When people ask God to bless them so that they can \_\_\_\_\_ the desires that arise from their conflicts and envious ways, God refuses to \_\_\_\_\_. He is not interested in blessing people just to further their wrong motives and \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes. God doesn't help people \_\_\_\_\_ or fulfill their lusts. Their prayers (that is, people who pray selfishly) \_\_\_\_\_ God out, because they're thinking more of themselves than they are of God's will. God does will that we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ blessings. After all, Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_." But in praying that, we're not praying for \_\_\_\_\_ but for bread. God will give us bread,

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which is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_ but He doesn't always give luxuries. Some preachers think the most \_\_\_\_\_ thing is to be lavishly blessed in this life. And in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God they make outlandish promises while they hope to exploit people. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ by these preachers. God provides for our needs to do His \_\_\_\_\_, but the Lord is not interested in supplying selfish desires.

The Lord teaches us to pray, "Thy will be \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus prayed that in great \_\_\_\_\_ while in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Lord knew of the \_\_\_\_\_ that He would bear in the scourging and in the crucifixion. And Jesus knew that He had to bear the punishment for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole world. He didn't want to bear that cup of wrath; yet He knew that He \_\_\_\_\_. For Jesus, doing the will of the Father was more \_\_\_\_\_ than His own desires or comfort. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ His Father and to bless you and me with forgiveness more than He wanted freedom from \_\_\_\_\_. There's something worse than physical pain, and that's for anyone to be \_\_\_\_\_ in sin. Jesus was willing to bear the terrible pain of physical death so that He could \_\_\_\_\_ us from spiritual death that was caused by sin. We too, should pray, "Thy \_\_\_\_\_ be done." Wouldn't this be a \_\_\_\_\_ world if everyone prayed for God's will to be done and then practiced the will of God? If people did God's will, they would cease to be criminals; they would cease to be violent; they would learn to \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, Psalm 66:18 says that, "If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not \_\_\_\_\_." Sometimes people imagine sin will bring them happiness and \_\_\_\_\_ their sinful behavior with the statement, "Well, God just wants me to be happy." No, God doesn't want that \_\_\_\_\_ of happiness. The Lord desires that we find \_\_\_\_\_ joy in righteous living, not the temporary happiness of sin.

When you pray to God asking for forgiveness, be ready to \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness, too (Mark 11:25; Matthew 6:14). Our prayers can be hindered if we mistreat our \_\_\_\_\_ ones (1 Peter 3:7). We can't mistreat each other, husbands, wives, parents or children; no one can mistreat others and \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to live in harmony with the will of God.

Our prayers do \_\_\_\_\_ with God! (Matthew 26:41). When we want to do the \_\_\_\_\_ thing, God is there to help (Psalm 34:15). When we pray, let's wait on the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_. He knows the right \_\_\_\_\_ to answer a prayer, but His time may not be ours. We may not be \_\_\_\_\_ for His answer. Jeremiah suffered much for his \_\_\_\_\_ but he kept close to the Lord. He wrote, "The Lord is good to those who \_\_\_\_\_ for him, to the soul who seeks him" (Lamentations 3:25). The Lord wants us to persevere in prayer and not lose \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 18:1-5). Give yourself to the will of God; and His \_\_\_\_\_ will abundantly supply your every need (Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:8). When you're \_\_\_\_\_ pray! (Philippians 4:6-7).

God will \_\_\_\_\_ act wisely and in our best interests (Romans 8:28). We can \_\_\_\_\_ God will help us through every struggle. We may not \_\_\_\_\_ understand what, how, or why God is doing what He is doing. But \_\_\_\_\_ knows what we don't know, and He sees what we can't see. Trust God!

Friends, please pray for this \_\_\_\_\_ ministry. Ask God to \_\_\_\_\_ a door to us for the word, that we might declare the gospel clearly, boldly, and with love. Prayer puts the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to work in our lives (Ephesians 3:20).