

IN HIS PRESENCE

UNITE YOUR PRAYERS
WITH THE PRAYERS OF JESUS



⁹ I pray for them. ... for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ ... Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.

¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

IN HIS PRESENCE

Disciples said, "Teach us to Pray."

Introduction: One thing I am learning is that the science of prayer contains many principles. These principles are to enhance our relationship with God through communication with Him both individually and corporately.

This teaching is based on the Study Guide, *In God's Presence*, written by T.W. Hunt and Claude V. King. It will view prayer as a relationship building tool with our God.

Jesus gave us this prayer promise, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you." (John 15:7)

Relationship in prayer is key. As we join our prayers in a corporate fashion we have and receive an added dimension.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

"Again I tell you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." (Mathew 18: 18, 19)

Principles:

1. God gives greater authority in agreement prayer.
2. God is present where two or more gather in His name.
(A synergistic effect there is a greater dimension of His presence.)

Prayer is initiated by God. He places within you the desire to spend time with Him as He extends the invitation.

"Here I am, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

Whenever you have a desire to pray think of it as a personal invitation from God, your Father. He wants you to identify with Him.

- To be like His Son, Jesus Christ/transformation.
- To identify with His purposes
- To help accomplish his purposes by asking for things that will advance His purposes and expand His kingdom work.

Two categories of Prayer

- Responding
- Asking

Responding Prayers include:

- Praise
- Confession
- Worship
- Thanksgiving

In responding prayer you:

- Respond to God's person hood
- Recognize who He is as God/ learning to be like Him

The emphasis becomes one of **being**. By sitting in His presence we learn of God's love and His ways so we can become like Him.

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Asking Prayers include:

- Petition
- Intercession

Asking prayers are concerned with God's work. The emphasis is on **doing**. As God leads the asking we become involved in his work.

Petition:

Praying for ones self and God's work in our lives

Intercession:

Praying for God's work in and through others.

God wants us as his children to become like Him, to reflect His character. In a love relationship with us He reveals Himself to us.

When we respond to God in prayer, we articulate a heart response to what we have come to understand in our heads, (minds) about God.

PRAISE

Responding to God's Attributes

His character traits are called attributes.

- Praise lifts up God by focusing on His Character.
- Praise acknowledges an appreciation for who God is and what He is like.
- We tend to become what we value and praise.
- Through praise we elevate God in the hearts and minds of those who are present.
- "I will praise God in the assembly." (Psalm 22:22)
- Through praise we open ourselves up for God to mold us into the image of His perfect Son, Jesus Christ.

Sample of God's Revelation of His character:

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished.." (Exodus 34:6)

SHARING EXERCISE:

Take a minute to read through the attributes of God circle the ones that are most meaningful to you. Turn to a partner and share a time when God blessed you with on understanding of one of His character traits.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD *

Able	Ever-Present	Indescribable	Pure
Almighty	Exalted	Invisible	Radiant
Abounding	Faithful	Jealous	Righteous
All Knowing	First	Just	Slow to Anger
All Powerful	Flawless	Kind	Spirit
Always Present	Forgiving	Last	Strong
Attentive	Gentle	Light	Supreme
Awesome	Glorious	Living	Sure
Beautiful	Good	Majestic	Tender
Blameless	Gracious	Merciful	True
Blessed	Has Authority	Mighty	Understanding
Compassionate	Has Integrity	Patient	Unfailing Love
Consuming Fire	Healing	Peaceful	Wise
Enthroned	Holy	Perfect	Wonderful
Eternal	In Love	Protective	Worthy of Praise

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EXAMPLES OF PRAISE

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength;
we will sing and praise your might. (Psalm 21:13)

I trust in God's unfailing love
for ever and ever.

I will praise you forever for what you have done;
in your name I will hope, for your name is good.
I will praise you in the presence of your saints. (Psalm 52: 8-9)

Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live. (Psalm 63:3-4)

The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness too. (Psalm 89:5)

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:1-2)

Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness. (Psalm 48:10)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well. (Psalm 139:14)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation will commend your works to another;
they will tell of your mighty acts.
They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and I will meditate on your wonderful works. (Psalm 145:3-5)

BIBLICAL WORDS FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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| • PRAISE | • HALLELUJAH | • BLESS |
| • ALLELUIA | • HOSANNA | • MAGNIFY |
| • REJOICE | • ASCRIBE | • EXALT |
| • WORSHIP | • HONOR | • LAUD |
| • EXALT | • GLORIFY | • ADORE |

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WORSHIP

* Ways one might express prayers of worship:

1. **DESCRIBE YOUR HOLY REVERENCE FOR GOD.** Acknowledge and honor His presence. Do not enter God's presence casually or lightly.
2. **MAGNIFY THE LORD.** Make Him bigger. The word magnify indicates perspective. You cannot make God bigger than He is. However, when you decrease yourself and magnify Him, He increases. That is what Mary did when she prayed: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden." (Luke 1:46, 48 KJV)
Focus on God's greatness in comparison to who you are.
3. **EXALT THE LORD.** Make Him higher. John said of Jesus, "He must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:30)
4. **ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIM.** Give God proper credit for what He has done. Do not accept His glory as your own.
5. **BLESS THE LORD.** Speak well of Him.
6. **GLORIFY THE LORD.** Give Him honor and glory in what you say.

EXPRESSING PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

1. Describe your reverence for God.
2. Magnify the Lord.
3. Exalt the Lord.
4. Ascribe to the Lord the glory.
5. Bless the Lord.
6. Glorify the Lord.

WORSHIP COMMENDED

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
(Psalm 29:1-2)

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. (Psalm 95:6)

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs. (Psalm 100:2)

SAMPLE PRAYERS OF WORSHIP

- I bless you, Lord.
- Honor and majesty belong to You.
- I stand in awe of your greatness and power.
- I love you because you first loved me.
- I long to be with you, Lord. I hunger and thirst for you.
- I glorify your name because you have done great things.
- The heavens declare your glory, Lord. I worship in the splendor of your holiness.
- Lord, your splendor and majesty are glorious. I worship you.

EXAMPLES OF WORSHIP

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being." (Revelation 4:11)

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.
"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:9, 12)

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed." (Revelation 15:3-4)

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is not just an act or statement. It is an attitude of gratitude.
Prayers of Thanksgiving reveal a relationship between the Giver and the receiver.

Focus on the following Scriptures of Thanksgiving.

- Express to the Lord your gratitude.
- Thank Him for all He has done for you.

EXAMPLES OF THANKSGIVING

Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name. (1 Chronicles 29:12-13)

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. (Psalm 30:11-12)

We give thanks to you, O God,
we give thanks, for your Name is near;
men tell of your wonderful deeds. (Psalm 75:1)

O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant;
you have freed me from my chains.
I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord. (Psalm 116:16-17)

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.” (Revelation 11:17)

THANKSGIVING COMMENDED

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

DANIEL’S PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

“I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers:
You have given me wisdom and power,
you have made known to me what we asked of you,
you have made known to us the dream of the king.” (Daniel 2:23)

Three times a day [Daniel] got down on his knees and prayed,
giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. (Daniel 6:10)

JESUS’ PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. (John 6:11)

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.”
(John 11:41)

PAUL’S PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

I have not stopped giving thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers. (Ephesians 1:16)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength,
that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. (1 Timothy 1:12)

A CALL TO THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done. (Psalm 105:1)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

Give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR ASKING PRAYERS

1. **ASK IN THE SPIRIT.** This means that requests proceed from the mind of the Spirit, not from selfish motives or self-serving ends. Praying in the Spirit is directly related to praying according to His will.

“I will pray with my spirit.” (1 Corinthians 14:15)

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions.” (Ephesians 6:18)

2. **ASK ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.** Our limitation in prayer is this:

“We do not know what we ought to pray for,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us ...
in accordance with God’s will.” (Romans 8:26-27)

Ask according to God’s will with the help of the Holy Spirit.

When you don’t know what to ask keep praying and seeking God’s direction for your prayer.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—
we know that we have what we asked of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)

3. **ASK WITH THE MIND.** Your mind helps you form your requests and make them precise and specific. Prayer lists can help keep your mind focused and prevent wandering. It also enables you to pray specifically and persistently until the answer comes.

“I will also pray with my mind.” (1 Corinthians 14:15)

4. **ASK IN JESUS’ NAME.** When you use Jesus name you come in His character. You take on His desires, qualities, gratitude, and outlook. When you prepare to make a request you might ask yourself what would Jesus want in this situation. Take on His heart. In the context of ministry Jesus says,

“I will do whatever you ask in my name,
so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.” (John 14:13)

5. **ASK WHILE ABIDING IN CHRIST.** To abide in Him, you continue in constant fellowship with Him; you pray without ceasing; and you obediently accept His will and Word for you. As a branch abides in the vine, a Christian abides in Christ. Spend time with Him in prayer and in His Word.

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” (John 15:7)

6. **ASK IN FAITH.** Asking in faith means asking without doubt in your heart. You are confident that God is God. Recognize God’s authority to answer in the way He chooses. Have confidence in God’s care and purposes for your life.

“Have faith in God.... Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mark 11:22, 24)

7. **ASK WITH HUMILITY.** Come to God recognizing His greatness and your need. Humility submits to God, whereas pride, arrogance and independence prevent an attitude of humility.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray ... (2 Chronicles 7:14)

8. **ASK IN SINCERITY.** When you pray in sincerity, your faith leads you to pray genuine, heartfelt prayers.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”
(James 5:16)

9. **ASK WITH PERSEVERANCE.** Perseverance means persistence, not giving up.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)

GUIDELINES FOR CONFESSION *

1. Confession should be directed by the Holy Spirit.
2. Limit confession to what is corporately (as a group) agreed on as sin.
3. Corporate confession is not accusation of others but agreement with God and with one another.
4. Confession includes sins of omission and commission.
5. The purpose of confessing personal sin is to secure forgiveness or to enlist prayer support.
6. Any sin that causes damage to a group should be publicly confessed.
7. The circle of confession should be as wide as the circle of damage done by the sin.
8. Confession should not be public when it would hurt other persons or lead to anger or lust.

Circle sins that could be church sins or group sins rather than individual sins. Some could be both.

Pride	Murder	Robbery	Sexual immorality
Envy	Adultery	Bribery	Tolerating evil
Greed	Unbelief	Unforgiveness	Shifting priority from God
Lying	Gossip	Bitterness	Neglecting the needy

PRAY A PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pray, asking God to reveal sin in your life that hinders your relationship with Him. Use the sample prayers of confession to agree with God about your sin. Be specific. Seek God's cleansing and restoration. Ask Him to make you holy, as He is holy.

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EXAMPLES OF CONFESSION OF SIN *

David ... said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, O Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing." (2 Samuel 24:10)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you. (Psalm 51:1-4, 7-13)

"Our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. From the days of our forefathers until now, our guilt has been great. ... But now, O our God, what can we say after this? For we have disregarded the commands you gave ... O Lord, God of Israel, you are righteous! ... Here we are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in your presence." (Ezra 9:6, 7, 10, 11)

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." (Matthew 6:12)

CONFESSION OF TRUTH

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16)

PROMISE FOR CONFESSION

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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PRAYING FOR YOUR CHURCH

Pray through the following questions. If something comes to your mind as you pray jot it down. As you share these ideas with others God will either confirm them or not confirm them. Trust that He can and will. Thank Him and don't be offended if an idea is not confirmed. We are learning to know God's will.

- What burdens has God given you as you have prayed about His will and about your place in His will for your church?
- What needs in your community have you felt a God given burden to meet?
- What activity in and around your church may indicate an invitation for you to join in God's work?
- What Scriptural command(s) has God used to convict you about an area your church needs to address (for example, ministry to the poor, needy, oppressed, widows, and orphans or ministries of tithing, loving, witnessing, teaching, and discipling)?
- Might the kinds of members God has been adding to your body indicate God's preparation for an assignment? (for example, medical personnel for medical missionary work, ethnic persons for starting a new church, or construction personnel for building churches in mission areas).
- Do you need more laborers to be sent into the field?

PAUL'S PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

- Knowledge of God's will, spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- Worthy living that would please the Lord.
- Spiritual fruit bearing
- Growth in the knowledge of God
- Endurance, faith, joy, love, and spiritual fullness.

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH

The early church in the New Testament prayed for boldness in witnessing, Christian fruit, the infilling of the Spirit, conduct worthy of the Lord, spiritual enlightenment and understanding, deliverance from evil or preservation, the sick, church leaders, missionaries, and persons in authority.

EXAMPLES OF PAUL'S INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCHES

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved." (Romans 10:1)

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19)

"We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:9-12)

INTERCESSION FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

INTERCESSION

T.W. Hunt has reported that of the prayers of the Bible answered with a yes.

- Eighty of the answered asking prayers in the Bible were personal petition.
- One hundred thirty one were intercession.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. (Romans 8:26-27)

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

JESUS' EXAMPLE

Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles (Luke 6:12-13)

THE CHURCH'S EXAMPLE

So Peter was kept in prison,
but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. (Acts 12:5)

EPAPHRA'S EXAMPLE

Epaphras ... is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. (Colossians 4:12)

JESUS' MODEL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

For His disciples Jesus requested

- unity,
- protection,
- deliverance, and
- sanctification (holiness).

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me.

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:11-12, 15-23)

MOSES' INTERCESSION

But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “O Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’ ” (Exodus 32:11-13)

EXAMPLES OF PETITION

“Two things I ask of you, O Lord;
do not refuse me before I die:
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.” (Proverbs 30:7-9)

“Give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” (1 Kings 3:9)

THE PRAYER OF JEBEZ

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request. (1 Chronicles 4:10)

They were all trying to frighten us, ...
But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.” (Nehemiah 6:1)

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me.
Yet not as I will, but as you will.” (Matthew 26:39)

“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
in you I trust, O my God.
Do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me. (Psalm 25:1-2)

Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name. (Psalm 86:11)

Hasten, O God, to save me;
O Lord, come quickly to help me. (Psalm 70:1)

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

PETITION QUOTES:

We may commune with God in our hearts; we may walk in companionship with Christ. When engaged in our daily labor, we may breathe out our heart’s desire, inaudible to any human ear; but that word cannot die away into silence, nor can it be lost. Nothing can drown the soul’s desire. It rises above the din of the street, above the noise of machinery. It is God to whom we are speaking, and our prayer is heard.

Ask, then; ask, and ye shall receive. Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, increase of faith. To every sincere prayer an answer will come. It may not come just as you desire, or at the time you look for it; but it will come in the way and at the time that will best meet your need. The prayers you offer in loneliness, in weariness, in trial, God answers, not always according to your expectations, but always for your good. (Gospel Workers, 258)

Through faith in Christ, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed.

“Ye are complete in Him.” Colossians 2:10.

Prayer and faith are closely allied, and they need to be studied together. In the prayer of faith there is a divine science; it is a science that everyone who would make his lifework a success must understand. Christ says, “What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Mark 11:24. He makes it plain that our asking must be according to God’s will; we must ask for the things that He has promised, and whatever we receive must be used in doing His will. The conditions met, the promise is unequivocal.

For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for any gift He has promised, we may ask; then we are to believe that we receive, and return thanks to God that we have received.

We need look for no outward evidence of the blessing. The gift is in the promise, and we may go about our work assured that what God has promised He is able to perform, and that the gift, which we already possess, will be realized when we need it most. (Education, 257-258)

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Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of the soul be preserved. Prayer brings the heart into immediate contact with the Well-spring of life, and strengthens the sinew and muscle of the religious experience. (Gospel Workers, 254-255)