

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.

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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.

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)

PRAYER IS THE BREATH OF THE SOUL:

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)