

The Lord's Prayer

"This then is how you should pray..." (vs. 9)

1. PARENTAL

"Our *Father* in heaven...."

"Behold what manner of love the *Father* has bestowed on us, that we should be called the *children of God!*"

I John 3:1

God knows his fatherhood in your lives is your greatest need. He created you to be his child. Therefore, if you want to be most effective in prayer, this is a great place to start, with a deep confidence in the Fatherhood of God. Even if you only spend a few moments here, it will give you assurance throughout the rest of your prayer.

2. PRESENCE

"Hallowed be your name..."

"But you are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel." Psalm 22:3

The second greatest need we have is God's presence. Praise brings his presence, and with it, great confidence!

Meditate on the names of God. There are eight names listed at the end of this lesson. Choose one or two each day and spend just a few minutes thinking about them and worshiping that attribute of God. You'll be amazed at how your faith rises.

3. PRIORITIES

"*Your kingdom* come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."

"*Seek first* the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

As a child of God you are a carrier of His kingdom in the earth. By declaring God's will be done in your life, family, church, city, nation and world you are releasing heavenly resources into human need.

4. PROVISION

"Give us this day our *daily* bread..."

"God will supply *all your needs* from his riches in glory because of what Christ Jesus has done for us."

Phil. 4:19 (LB)

"You do not have... because *you do not ask God!*" James 4:2

What should you pray for? Everything! And be specific.

"Don't worry about anything, but *in everything* by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Phil. 4:6

5. PARDON

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, *forgive him so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.*” Mk 11:25 NIV

Clean out the arteries of your spiritual heart, keeping your heart free from offense. This will open heaven and close hell in your life.

6. PROTECTION

“And lead us not into temptation but *deliver us from the evil one.*”

“Put on the *full armor of God* so that you can *take your stand* against the devil’s schemes.” Eph. 6:11 NIV

Ask God to deliver you and others from the works of Satan. If this wasn’t necessary, Jesus wouldn’t have told us to pray it.

7. PARTNERSHIP

“For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.”

As you finish your prayers, praise Him knowing that you have successfully partnered with God in bringing his kingdom, by his power, and for his glory.

8 HEBREW NAMES OF GOD – DECLARE WHO GOD IS

Jehovah-Shammah- “God is Always Present with me.” (Ezekiel 48:35)
You are here! I am never alone!

Jehovah-Tsidkenu- “God is my Righteousness” (Jer. 23:6)
I have direct access to you always because of Jesus!

Jehovah-M’Kiddish- “God is my Sanctification” (Lev. 20:8)
You make me like Jesus.

Jehovah-Shalom- “God is my Peace” (Judges 6:24)
You give me peace in spite of circumstances!

Jehovah-Rophe- “God is my Healer” (Exodus 15:26)
You heal my body, emotions, mind, relationships.

Jehovah-Jireh- “God is my Provider” (Gen. 22:14)
You see and provide what I need before I even ask!

Jehovah-Rohi- “God is my Shepherd” (Psa. 23:1)
You lead me, feed me and protect me.