

Our Prayer, pt. 2: Power

Regarding the Lord's Prayer

Sometimes I get overwhelmed with so much to do and end up not doing much. It's the same with prayer.

Looking at this as a template, a starting point, a topical focus can really help maximize our prayer time.

I've read that when you struggle with being overwhelmed, if you can just commit to doing one thing for 5 minutes we will end up most likely doing it for more than five minutes.

With this outline you can keep it simple and spend a few minutes going through or you can keep going deeper on each area as the Lord leads and as the Holy Spirit gives you inspiration.

Dr. Larry Lee helped us all see the potential in this prayer as a model prayer that many hadn't seen before. And Melva wrote a children's version of the Lord's prayer along these same lines.

Pastor Walt taught this as well and his outline is similar to the one I was inspired to put together, but not the same.

Let's Review the Basic Outline

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, **PERSPECTIVE (who we are and who God is)**
hallowed be your name, **POWER (the power in the names and natures of the Lord)**

10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. **POSITION AND PRIORITY (kingdom authority, mission critical)**

11 Give us today our daily bread. **PROVISION (prophetic revelation from the Word for daily prayer)**

12 And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors. **PROSPERITY (defense shield against sickness in the Body caused by division, strife, striving, in-fighting etc.). Unforgiveness clouds our ability to pray clearly about any of this.**

13 And lead us not into temptation,^[a]

but deliver us from the evil one.^[b] **PRESERVATION AND PURITY (keeping on the path, pure focus on the main thing, recognizing distractions and diversions of the enemy)**

[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]' **PERPETUATING PRAISE (the cycle is endless)**

Review

This prayer isn't the Lord's prayer - it's our prayer as the Body of Christ. Jesus was teaching us not just a method of praying, but showing us so much about worshipping and living and releasing kingdom reality.

And if you think about it. If Jesus prayed in this manner early every morning - what He received during that prayer time ordered His day plan. So what He prayed He walked in and so what we pray we should walk in.

Because there is so much here - it's how we can pray without ceasing as Paul urged in **1 Thessalonians 5:17.**

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

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 Lord's people.**

I think every kind of prayer and request is evident in this model. Any area you can think of that needs to be covered it's covered.

This model of prayer, Our Prayer, needs to be in the Spirit. Every prayer should be in the Spirit.

If we aren't in the Spirit we needn't be praying. We are to pray in light of heaven's reality, that is a spiritual thing not a fleshly thing.

Regarding tongues.

Not going there in depth tonight but this was Paul's secret weapon and it should be ours as well. It's where mysteries beyond what our mind is privy to get released in the spirit realm. Paul bragged about his private tongue praying not his public tongue praying. He said, "I thank God I pray in tongues more than you all."

So I would assume every other prayer he wrote to the church in the letters, was infused and empowered with praying in other tongues.

Tongues makes up for where our flesh falls short.

Jesus didn't pray in tongues because He was still on earth. Tongues came when Jesus came back to indwell us as Holy Spirit to connect us with Him as High Priest making intercession for us. As Holy Spirit Helper and comforter. While on earth - Jesus ministered Holy Spirit power without tongues, but we need tongues to minister and pray in Holy Spirit power.

Just because tongues wasn't mentioned in this model prayer - you can see now why we should still pray in tongues even when using this prayer as a model and guide.

And so we are to pray in tongues and in our native earth language. Not **either or** but **both and**.

I've noticed when I am praying in the Spirit in other tongues - while my mind is unfruitful as Paul says - things do get quickened to my spirit, then come to my mind and I can then pray out in English with more clarity. You can instantly understand a multitude of things that you could never grasp just meditating on them and praying in your own language.

Paul's Prayers demonstrate and confirm what Jesus taught about prayer in addition adds the Holy Spirit dimension we may not have been aware of if we just study the Lord's prayer. Here is one example.

Ephesians 3:14 NIV

14For this reason I kneel before the **Father**, **15**from whom every family **a in heaven and on earth derives its name**. **16**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his **Spirit** in your inner being, **17**so that **Christ** may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18**may have power, **together with all the Lord's holy people**, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of **all the fullness of God**.

Pauls prayer centers and grounds us in Christ Jesus and in His Body. Which is what Jesus was doing when he prayed from His earthly body filled with the Holy Spirit and taught us to pray the same way.

When we get a revelation of His love, when we pray with the power that the Spirit gives, we are filled with the fullness of God and empowered to carry out His will in the earth now as it is in heaven.

I've come to believe this manner of prayer is not linear or chronological but more like a never ending wheel. Each idea supports, fuels and connects to the other.

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Like Jesus there is no beginning or end. He is both. Every where you would start this prayer it would be both. It is self confirming and eternally progressive.

When Father in heaven's kingdom is hallowed, His name is recognized and His kingdom is released and His provision is made known and His forgiveness is present and the onslaught of the enemy is enraged and challenged and fought against and deliverance is released and available against oppression and against temptation and the King is glorified and worshipped.

When we are aware of our source, our Creator our Father who is the Son who is the Holy Spirit we will have a never ending pursuit of knowing and being known by His attributes, by His natures, and identified as His by His names.

As we live, declare, worship and pray with the revelation of every one of His names, the reality of the kingdom of heaven is released, or given permission, or enforced as the greater reality over what we see that "isn't" that reality.

This fuels our desire to get a daily download of bread from heaven - Jesus I AM the Bread of Life. The Spirit of God illuminates and emphasizes daily the point or points of focus from the Word of God.

The key to effective prayer is released for the Body under the blood of Jesus where forgiveness and remission of sins is released. It requires constant repentance to God, repentance towards our fellow believers, as well as constant forgiveness towards our fellow believers in order for God's full promise to be released in whatever specific areas we are praying for.

If we don't get the forgive and forgiven part. Forget about praying at all. There's no point.

It relies upon our agreement with what is binding (Jesus the Word) in heaven so it will be done in earth. In the spiritual and in the natural. Forgiveness relies on us loosing, or letting go what our flesh wants to bind us and others to in an unhealthy way. The need to be right. The need for immediate justice in the natural. The need and desire to settle the score. Even when previous earthly law has established it. The eternal law of love - looses it and lets it go. So that our permission to expand the kingdom with authority in earth isn't hindered. More on that in a later teaching on forgiveness which is the key to binding and loosing.

I didn't categorize the second part as Praise, because I believe the entire prayer is also a template for praise. All 7 Hebrew Words for Praise can be expressed as we pray through this model.

Prayer is worship and worship is prayer. You can't separate them.

If it isn't worship, then it isn't prayer. Because if we aren't glorifying and identifying the One True God as source - it isn't true prayer. It is mis-directed.

What happens when we gather for in person service? For corporate worship? We should experience everything we are looking at in this model prayer.

So our expression of worship in real life, reflects our expression of prayer in this model.

And even though we are praying in our prayer closets where our Father in heaven sees is in secret - we can and should give expression to our private prayers in these ways. Ways that God created us to offer praise and worship to Him.

Because our soul (our mind, will and emotions) needs to hear it. And the enemy needs to

hear it. And the Lord takes delight in it.

When we do this privately - in the Spirit we are still connected to the Body of Christ. The Spirit realm hears and responds as multiplied millions around the earth are praying this way! We may be by ourselves at the time but we are never alone in prayer!

Stir yourselves up to pray out and worship in all of these ways!

1. To boast foolishly - **Halal**
2. To praise vocally in song or shouts - **Tehillah**
3. To praise with instruments alone or with voices - **Zamar**
4. A Shouting Call for corporate praise - **Hallelujah**
5. To lift or throw arms up in surrender - **Yodah**
6. To sing praises together as one community - **Todah**
7. Reach out with affection for God, to feel His hold on us - **Sabah**

1 Chronicles 29:10

10David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

11Yours, 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, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

12Wealth 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.

13Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

Hallowed be your name - The source of **power**

Resource I mentioned last time: <https://tonyevans.org/praying-and-pronouncing-the-names-of-god/>

As we get to know the names of God. As we start to study the Word and where the names are found. As we pray in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit will begin to show us how to best pray with the revelation of these names.

Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. How are you going to see His saving

power if you don't know who He is and what He can do for you?

Why hallowed? Why this name sacred? Because there are other names to call upon who will gladly come and try to be our savior.

Again this is why Creator, Father anchors the name of Jesus as the real authentic only name who has all authority.

Because there is a counterfeit. There is anti-Christ. There is a False savior. It manifests as humanism. Self reliance and self-help.

The enemy of our souls. Satan masquerades as an angel of light. As a messenger with good news.

The names and natures of the triune God contain every weapon needed for kingdom victory, every supply for every ministry endeavor.

What names should I pray out and worship? I find that if I look around and see what the enemy is doing, that is a good highlight of what names and attributes that need to be declared. And often little things in our personal lives will be telegraphing greater spiritual issues on a national and global scale.

EXAMPLE: Lately I can't get away from declaring Him as loving, forgiving, relational healer, worker of all things together for our good. Because of the presence of frustration and relationally challenging circumstances. And while this is happening to me on a personal level, watch the news. What is happening to us personally often mirrors what is happening on a larger scale.

There is more disunity and division, mis-communication, mis-interpretation, etc. going on. What does all this relational conflict give rise to? Strife, literal violence, murders and crime skyrocketing. The name of Jesus is the answer. And there are specific attributes of His ability that need to be prayed out into the atmosphere.

EXAMPLE: Little distractions. Things just not going right. Things breaking down. Our TV now our fridge. Computer issues. Leak tires on the car. So what is God saying? Keep me lifted up!

Call on me EL-Shaddai, call on me Jehovah Jireh. All sufficient One. Provision that will be seen and arrive when we need it.

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Let's look at some of His names. Let's identify what issues we would face that are the antithesis of His name.

In many ways this is a defensive strategy.

To be offensive to the enemy we need to take time in God's presence and allow the rivers of spirit led prayer to direct us. We have to trust we are praying His will even if it doesn't make sense or seems foolish at the time.

If all we do is respond defensively maybe we are just trying to recapture enemy territory we aren't so much advancing the kingdom.

That's why it's important to live in victory and stay in victory. Get to the bottom of every stronghold. Get delivered and stay delivered.

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV

9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Maybe Stop here and spend some time practicing this prayer together.

We need to remember while the names of God will minister to us personally, we are to be empowered to be used by God missionally.

I want to suggest there is no personal mission apart from the great commission. If it doesn't fulfill the great commission, if it doesn't glorify the Father through the demonstration of the power of His name and nature then it isn't a heaven approved mission. It's just our personal mission.

Mark 16:15-18 NIV

15He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **16**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. **17**And these signs will accompany those who (believe: In my name) they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18**they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

John 14:12-14 NIV

12Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13**And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the **Father may be glorified in the Son.** **14**You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.