

Prayer – Lesson 6

The Lord’s Prayer and Concluding Thoughts

As we conclude our study on prayer, we are going to spend some time looking at the sample prayer that Jesus gave us and hopefully see how it relates to all that we’ve discussed about prayer.

Remember we talked about five basic types of prayer that, if used, will help us have well rounded prayer lives.

- Adoration, Praise, Thanksgiving and Worship
- Confession and Repentance
- Petition
- Intercession
- Meditative Listening

The Lord’s Prayer is found in two locations in the Gospels. In Matthew 6 during Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and in Luke 11 as the response to the disciple’s request, “Teach us to pray.”

Matthew 6:9-13, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

Luke 11:2-4, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”

We use the prayer as it is in Matthew 6 to conclude our services so that is the one we are going to break down and see where it fits within the types of prayer we’ve been discussing over the past several weeks.

Before we get started, understand that no part of the Lord’s Prayer will fall under the Meditative Listening type of prayer. Why?

Adoration, Praise, Thanksgiving and Worship

Our Father which art in heaven Hallowed be thy name
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever

Confession and Repentance

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors

Petition

Give us this day our daily bread
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Intercession

Thy kingdom come Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven

Again, Meditative Listening is not included in the Lord's Prayer because that is the time we stop talking and allow God to speak to us.

Concluding Thoughts

Unfortunately, many Christians feel intimidated about their prayer life and most confess that prayer is the weakest area of their Christian lives. Listen...God wants us to change that!

God gave His only Son not just to get you to heaven but to enable you to live in His power a life of fruitful service. John 15:8, "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

God wants His children to experience prayer as a dynamic relationship with Him. If you have the desire, He will work with you to revolutionize your prayer life and your walk with Him.

It is vital that you become a mature Christian...that you become a prayer warrior. God wants to use you in ways you can't even imagine. But all this ultimately hinges on one thing...the strength of your prayer life. John 14:12-14, "Very 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. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

Remember that your relationship with Him will NEVER rise above the level of your praying. Become a doer and not just a hearer. Commit yourself to spending consistent, quality time with Him every day. It will change your life!