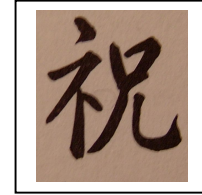


Prayer Outline (#10)

Root Words:

- Hebrew: 1) tephillah (8605), palal (6419)
2) tsela (6739)
3) shaal (7592), athar (6279)
Greek: 1) euchomai (2172), euche (2171)
2) proseuchomai (4336), proseuche (4335)
3) deomai (1189a)
4) enteuxis (1783)
5) deesis (1162)



Prayer

(Spokes + man) eldest son + God = Pray

Latin: precor: to supplicate good (bless) or evil (curse). Biblically blessings and curses are predicted by the prophet. Blessings can be prayers.

English: pray: to ask, petition, worship (Webster's Dictionary 1828)

Definition: Prayer is human speech or thought addressed to God as praise, a request, or conversation. God responds through the Holy Spirit, but not actively.

Presuppositions: 1) God is a person, 2) He can hear (omnipresent, immanent), 3) He can act on our prayer (omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign), 4) He promised to listen.

Nature: Prayer is an act that recognizes our position to God demonstrating our faith and attitude.

How do we pray: To the Samaritan woman: in spirit and truth. John 4:23 (See Ro 8:9.)

Symbol: Incense (odours). Psalm 141:2, Revelation 5:8, 8:3

Reasons for Prayer: 1) Not an option. 1 Sam 12:23; 1 Thes 5:17; Col 4:2; Lk 18:1
2) Medium through which God bestows gifts. Dan 9:3; Mt 7:7-8; Mt 21:22; James 1:5
3) Follow Christ's and early church's example. Heb 5:7; Acts 6:4, 12:5
4) Victory and deliverance. Eph 6:10-19, Mt 26:41, Lk 18:1, Acts 12:3-11, Col 1:9-14, James 1:5-7, Acts 28:8, James 5:13-18; 4:7-8; Rom 15:30-33, Eph 1: 15-19; 3:14-19, Acts 4:14-20, Rom 10:1, Mt 9:37-38.

Admonitions: 1) Pray at all times and don't lose heart. Lk 18:1
2) Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer. Ro 12:12
3) Devote yourselves to prayer. Col 4:2
4) Pray without ceasing. 1 Thes 5:17
5) Brethren, pray for us. 1 Thes 5:25
6) I desire that the men pray in every place lifting up holy hands. 1 Ti 2:8
7) But in everything by prayer and supplication. Phil 4:6
8) Let everyone that is godly pray unto thee. Psalm 32:6

Promises: 1) God will hear the cry of the widow. Ex 22:22-24
2) God will be near to Israel when Israel calls. Dt 4:7
3) If the Jews return to God, he will heal their land. 2 Chron 7:12-18
4) God will hear our prayers. Job 22:27
5) God will be favorable to he who prays. Job 33:26
6) Call upon his name in the day of trouble and He will deliver. Ps 50:15
7) God hears our prayers. Ps 65:2

- 8) God is ready to forgive. Ps 68:5-7
- 9) God regards the prayer of the destitute. Ps 102:17
- 10) God regards the prayer of the upright and righteous. Proverbs 15:8, 29
- 11) God will send the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Lk 11:13
- 12) God will give eternal life to those who ask. John 4:10
- 13) God does not hear sinners, but the God fearing. John 9:31
- 14) Ask for wisdom and it will be given. James 1:5-7
- 15) Unanswered prayer can mean we are not walking in his will or that there are reasons beyond our knowledge. (Dt 3:23-26; Mk 10:38-40; 1 John 3:21-22; James 1:5-8).

Apostles' Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13

- Places of Prayer:**
- 1) Seclusion. Mt 6:6
 - 2) Private home. Daniel 6:10; Acts 12:5, 12
 - 3) Mountains. Mt 14:23
 - 4) Jesus in the desert. Mk 1:35
 - 5) Riverside. Acts 16:13, 16
 - 6) Beach. Acts 21:5
 - 7) Everywhere. 1 Timothy 2:8

- Positions for Prayer:**
- 1) Standing. Mk 11:25, Lk 18:13, John 17:1
 - 2) Kneeling. 1 Ki 8:54; Lk 22:41; Acts 20:36; Eph 3:14
 - 3) On face. Mt 26:39; Job 1:20; Nehemiah 8:6; Mt 8:2+Lk 5:12
 - 4) Hezekiah lying in bed. 2 Ki 20:2; Ps 63:6
 - 5) Elijah with his face between his knees. 1 Ki 18:42
 - 6) Head bowed. Ge 24:26 (Abraham's eldest servant); Ex 4:31, 12:27
 - 7) Jesus lifting up his eyes. John 11:41, 17:1
 - 8) Lifting up hands. Ps 141:2; 1 Ti 2:8
 - 9) Jesus laying hands on children. Mt 19:13
 - 10) Eyes lowered and beating his breast. Lk 18:13

- Times of Prayer:**
- 1) Evening, morning, and noon. Psalm 55:17
 - 2) Three times a day. Daniel 6:10
 - 3) Seven times a day I praise you; Ps 119:164
 - 4) Continuing day and night. 1 Timothy 5:5
 - 5) Pray always. Luke 18:1; Eph 6:18; 1 Thes 5:17
 - 6) Morning. Ps 5:3, 88:13; Mk 1:35
 - 7) Evening. Ps 141:2, 5; Mt 14:23; 26:36-44
 - 8) Jesus prayed all night. Lk 6:12
 - 9) Scheduled times. Acts 3:1; 10:9, 30
 - 10) In times of crisis. 1 Chron 5:20; 2 Chron 13:13-16; Ps 50:15
 - 11) Before meals. Mt 14:19; Acts 27:35; 1 Ti 4:4-5
 - 12) Jesus--despite being very busy. Luke 5:15-16

- Types of Prayer:**
- 1) Private. Mt 6:5-6
 - 2) Public. Acts 1:14; 4:23-31; 12:5, 12-17, 16:26, 20:36

- Various:**
- 1) Be organized (Luke 11:1-4).
 - 2) Be regular (Ps 5:3).
 - 3) Do not be repetitious (Mt 6:7).
 - 4) Men uncover (1 Cor 11:4) and women cover (1 Cor 11:5) their heads.

- 5) Tongues requires interpretation (1 Cor 14:13-15).
- 6) Marital relationship must be sound (1 Pt 3:7) *so that your p will not be hind...*
- 7) Be sober (1 Pt 4:7).
- 8) Fasting (Mt 17:21) and sexual abstinence (1 Cor 7:5) are an aid.
- 9) Pray in spirit and truth (Rom 8:9).
- 10) Prohibitive prayer: (sin leading to death [1 John 5:16; 1 Cor 5:1-5])
- 11) Time to stop praying and get to work [1 Sam 23:4]
- 12) Unanswered prayer: not abiding or in his will [1 John 3:21-22]

Four Big Secrets to Prayer:

1. **Awe**
2. **Messiah**
3. **Repetitive Sin**
4. **Forgiveness**

Awe

It is that amazement, or awe that unlocks the door to Heaven and sends our prayers like blue smoke to the Throne Room of God. [Awe comes from the Hebrew word *yirah* (#3374), *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom* (Proverbs 9:10; Psalms 111:10) and does not mean to be afraid as in *the fear of man brings a snare* (Proverbs 29:25) where fear here is *charadah* (#2731).] Unless you realize that you who are finite are standing before an infinite God absolute in all attributes, your prayers will not rise. This implies humility. Awe is the beginning of wisdom. Just coming to awe brings you in circumincession with the Trinity. It is the beginning of all worship. Just being in awe without words accomplishes more than any prayer just mouthed with our lips. It opens the door to the Almighty.

Breaking quickly into prayer with little thought as to our insignificance before El Shadai is like slapping Him in the face. Jews call this critical period of warming up for prayer Kavanah which can be defined as attunement to the heart of God in prayer and Mitzvot.

Messiah

We could conceivably attain a high emotional state of awe, but be disconnected from the Almighty by the greatest sin described by John from the Upper-Room Discourse which is disbelief in the Messiah (John 16:9). There is only one way to the Father: *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me"* (John 14:6). When the Father looks at a person praying to Him, he sees every sin and every good work that person has done and will do in the future be it Heaven or the Lake of Fire. If it is Heaven, then the Lord instantly sees an infinite array of praises coming his way. But if it is the Lake of Fire for the rejection of his Son, He will see an infinite number of curses and invectives. So, which of the two will have their prayer answered. We were taught to pray in spirit and truth (John 4:23) where spirit means being righteous or being a Christian from Romans 8:9. *However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.*

Repetitive Sin

First, all men have sinned: *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23). Secondly, all sins are forgivable: *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9). Repetitive or willful sin, however, is different: *4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that He appeared in order to*

take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. 7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning (1 John 3:4-8).

By the practice of sin, we mean something that defines your character, and you are not willing to leave. Your response might be “That’s me; that’s what I do.” Homosexuality may be one such sin that might even involve your wanting others to approve of your choice. Getting drunk every weekend may be another example of repetitive sin. When you are in this mood, you are separated from God and are not abiding in Him.

Forgiveness

Failure to forgive just one person in your hurried life is probably the most common cause for unanswered prayer. *14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions* (Matthew 6:14-15). Many people have one person in their life who can not be forgiven. What is interesting here is that the original sinner, the one who hurt others, may well be within God’s grace after repentance, but the one he hurt and will not forgive will carry his hate to the grave.

Prayers in Scripture

Noah’s Curse and Prayer	Genesis 9:25-27
Melchizedek’s Blessing	Genesis 14:19-20
Abraham Prays for Abimelech	Genesis 20:17 (God Answers)
Isaac Prays for Barren Wife	Genesis 25:21 (G A)
Moses’ 12 Curses & 12 Blessings	Deuteronomy 27:15—28:14
Moses’ Prayers for the 11 Tribes	Deuteronomy 33:6-25
People’s Prayer for Ruth	Ruth 4:11-12
Women’s Prayer for Naomi	Ruth 4:14-15
Hannah’s Vow	1 Samuel 1:10
Hannah’s Prayer	1 Samuel 2:1-10
Samuel Prays	1 Samuel 8:6 (G A)
David’s Prayer	2 Samuel 7:18-29
Solomon’s Prayer	1 Kings 3:6-9 (G A)
Solomon’s Dedication Prayer	1 Kings 8:22-53 (G A with Shekinah Glory)
Solomon’s Benediction	1 Kings 8:56-61 (G A)
Elijah’s Prayer at Evening Sacrifice	1 Kings 8:36-37 (G A with Shekinah Glory)
Hezekiah’s Prayer before Ark of C	2 Kings 19:14-19 (G A thru Isaiah)
David’s Prayer after Nathan Spoke	1 Chronicles 17:16-27
David’s Benediction	1 Chronicles 29:10-19
Solomon’s Prayer of Wisdom	2 Chronicles 1:8-10 (G A)
Solomon’s Prayer of Dedication	2 Chronicles 6:12-42 (G A with Shekinah Glory)
Jehoshaphat’s Prayer	2 Chronicles 20:5-12 (G A thru Jahaziel)
Hezekiah’s Prays	2 Chronicles 32:20 & Isaiah 37:14-20 (G A)
Manasseh Prays	2 Chronicles 33:18
Ezra’s Prayer at Evening Sacrifice	Ezra 9:5-15
Nehemiah’s Prayer	Nehemiah 1:6-11
Job’s Blessing	Job 1:21d
Job’s Prayer	Job 10:2-22

Amenemope's Psalm (1050 BC)	Psalm 1
God is My Shield	Psalm 3
I Will Sleep in Peace	Psalm 4
Morning Prayer for Those Love Thee	Psalm 5
For Those Who Cry Themselves to Sleep	Psalm 6 (Penitential)
Overthrow the Wicked and Hear the Humble	Psalm 10
How Long Must I Endure	Psalm 13
Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye	Psalm 17 (Prayer)
Prayer for the President (Leader)	Psalm 20 (Royal)
Lord, Instruct the Humble in Your Way	Psalm 25
Lord, Separate Me from the Sinners	Psalm 26
Hear Me, O Lord, in You I Trust	Psalm 28
Rescue Me from My Enemies	Psalm 35 (Imprecatory)
I Suffer for My Sin and Confess It	Psalm 38 (Penitential)
Vindicate Me, O God!	Psalm 43
Trust in God, Not Military	Psalm 44
Cleanse Me from My Sin!	Psalm 51 (Penitential)
Death to the Traitor; I Will Trust in You	Psalm 55 (Imprecatory)
In God I Have Put My Trust	Psalm 56
Punish the Wicked	Psalm 58 (Imprecatory)
Let Me Look Triumphantly on My Foe	Psalm 59 (Imprecatory & Flight)
Battle: Go forth with our Armies	Psalm 60
My Rock, Reward Me by My Work	Psalm 62
Deliverance from the Enemy	Psalm 64
O Lord, Hasten to My Help!	Psalm 70
Jewish Remnant Cry to God	Psalm 79 (Imprecatory)
Jewish Remnant Cry to God	Psalm 84
Restore Us as a Nation	Psalm 85
Turn to Me and Be Gracious to Me	Psalm 86 (Prayer)
I Am Shut up and Cannot Go Out	Psalm 88
Prayer of Moses (Oldest Psalm)	Psalm 90 (Prayer)
Under His Wings You May Seek Refuge	Psalm 91
Lord, Answer My Prayer Quickly	Psalm 102 (Prayer & Penitential)
Go Forth with Our Armies	Psalm 108 (Battle)
Deliver Me for I Live in a Hostile Area	Psalm 120 (First of 15 Ascent Songs)
Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem	Psalm 122
I Lift My Eyes to God Enthroned in Heaven	Psalm 123
I Cry, Wait, and Hope in the Lord	Psalm 130 (Penitential)
Humility	Psalm 131
Remember Me, O Lord!	Psalm 132 (Fr Huguenots' Prayer, Royal)
The Great <i>Hallel</i> (<i>Hesed</i> Psalm)	Psalm 136 (Response Psalm)
My Comfort, You Are Always with Me	Psalm 139 (Imprecatory)
Rescue Me, O Lord, from Evil Men	Psalm 140
Evening Prayer as Incense with Raised Hands	Psalm 141
Bring My Soul out of Prison	Psalm 142 (Prayer & Flight)
Answer Me Quickly, O Lord!	Psalm 143 (Penitential)

Blessed Be the Lord, My Rock Psalm 144 (Royal)
 Imprecatory Psalms: 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137, 139
 Royal Psalms: 18, 20, 21, 45, 72, 89, 101, 110, 132, 144
 Royal Catholic Psalms: 18, 20, 21, 45, 61, 72, 110, 132
 Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
 Praise-the-Lord Psalms: 146-150
 Flight Psalms: 34, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 63, 142
 Prayer Psalms: 17, 86, 90, 102, 142
 Wisdom Psalms: 1, 37, 119
 Creation Psalms: 8, 19
 History Psalms: 78, 105, 106
 Enthronement Psalms: 93, 95-100
 Messianic Psalms: 2, 8, 16, 22, 40, 45, 72, 110, 118
 Isaiah's Prayer (by Remnant for Second Coming) Isaiah 64:1-12
 Jeremiah: Why Do the Wicked Prosper? Jeremiah 12:1-6 (G A)
 Jeremiah's Prayer for Rain Jeremiah 14:1-9 (G A)
 Jeremiah's Eats the Lord's Words Jeremiah 15:15-18 (G A)
 Jews in Captivity Ask Why God Forgets Them Lamentations 5:1-22
 Daniel Prays: O Lord Hear, Forgive, Listen, Act Daniel 9:3-19 (Gabriel Answers)
 Jonah's Prayer: Salvation is from the Lord Jonah 2:1-9 (G A)
 Habakkuk's Prayer of the Remnant Habakkuk 3:1-19
 Apostles Prayer (Jesus Taught Apostles) Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4
 Lord's High Priestly Prayer (Upper Room) John 17:1-26
 Stephen's Last Words: Lord Jesus, Receive My Spirit Acts 7:59-60
 Jesus' Last Words on Cross (#4 Ps 22; #7) Mt 27:46 or Mark 15:34 & Luke 23:46
 ("Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani. Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.)

Prayers by America's Leaders

Abraham Lincoln, Late June 1863

I went to my room one day and I locked the door and I got down on my knees to pray before Almighty God. I prayed to him mightily for victory at Gettysburg. I then and there made a solemn vow to Almighty God that if he would stand by our boys at Gettysburg, I would stand by him. Soon a sweet comfort crept into my soul that God Almighty had taken the whole business into his own hands and that things would go all right at Gettysburg.

George Washington, 1752

As a 20-year old, George Washington filled 24 pages of a manuscript with personal prayers written in his own hand. These prayers were recorded in *George Washington, the Christian* written by William Johnson and rediscovered as an out-of-print book in the library of Yale Divinity Law School Library circa 1975. On "Sunday Evening", the following was recorded: O most glorious God...I acknowledge and confess my faults in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of sins, but so coldly and carelessly that my prayers are become my sin and stand in need of pardon. I have heard Thy holy word, but with such deadness of spirit that I have been an unprofitable and forgetful hearer...But, O God, who art rich in mercy and plenteous in redemption, mark not, I beseech Thee, what I have done amiss; remember that I am but dust, and remit my transgressions, negligences and ignorances, and cover them all with the absolute obedience of Thy dear Son, that those sacrifices (of sin, praise and thanksgiving) which I have offered may be accepted by Thee, in and for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ offered upon the Cross for me.

George Washington Protected from Musket Fire, 9 July, 1755

During the Battle of Monongahela, General Edward Braddock was killed by the Indians. British forces were decimated. George Washington, a 23-year-old colonel from the Virginia militia had two horses shot from under him. Four musket balls went through the outer fabric of his coat, but did not penetrate his skin or even cause a bruise. [Ref: Kistler, *This Nation*, p 54 (from Washington's personal diary)] George wrote to his brother Jack: "Death was leveling my companions on every side of me, but by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected. [Ref: Bancroft, *History, IV*, p 190]

"Fifteen years later, Washington and his long-time friend, Dr. Craik, were exploring the wilderness territory in the Western Reserve. Near the junction of the Kanawha and Ohio Rivers, a band of Indians came to them with an interpreter. The leader of the band was an old and venerable chief, who wished to have words with Washington. A council fire was kindled, and this is what the chief said: 'I am a chief and ruler over my tribes. My influence extends to the waters of the Great Lakes, and to the far blue mountains. I have traveled a long and weary path, that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white man's blood mixed with the streams of our forest, that I first beheld this chief. I called to my young men and said, "Mark yon tall and daring warrior. He is not of the red-coat tribe—he hath an Indian's wisdom, and his warriors fight as we do—himself alone is exposed. Quick let your aim be certain, and he dies." Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for him, knew not how to miss...Twas all in vain; a power mightier far than we shielded him from harm. He cannot die in battle. I am old, and soon shall be gathered to the great council fire of my fathers in the land of shades, but ere I go, there is something that bids me speak in the voice of prophecy: Listen! The Great Spirit protects that man, and guides his destinies. He will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire.'" [Ref: William Johnson, *George Washington, the Christian*, pp 23-28 and Peter Marshall and David Manuel, *The Light and the Glory* pp 285-286]

George Patton, 8 December, 1944 (after issuing the order to print 250,000 copies of The Patton Prayer which was distributed 12-14 December) Gen. George Patton spoke to the Chaplain (Msgr. James H. O'Neill one of 486 chaplains) saying I am a strong believer in prayer. There are three ways that men get what they want: by planning, by working, and by praying. Any great military operation takes careful planning or thinking. Then you must have well-trained troops to carry it out: that's working. But between the plan and the operation there is always an unknown. That unknown spell defeat or victory, success or failure. Some people call that getting the breaks; I call it God. God has his part, or margin in everything. That's where prayer comes in. Up to now, in the Third Army, God has been very good to us. We have never retreated; we have suffered no defeats, no famine, and no epidemics. This is because a lot of people back home are praying for us. We were lucky in Africa, in Sicily, and in Italy, simply because people prayed. But we have to pray for ourselves too. A good soldier is not made merely by making him think and work. There is something in every soldier that goes deeper than thinking or working—it's in his guts. It is something that he has built in there. It is a world of truth and power that is higher than himself. Great living is not just the output of thought and work. A man has to have intake as well. I don't know what you call it, but I call it religion, prayer, or God. {Ref: Review of the News 6 October 1971]

Those who pray do more for the world than those who fight; and if the world goes from bad to worse, it is because there are more battles than prayers.

The Patton Prayer for Good Weather and Victory

Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen.

8 Dec: Patton ordered prayer because it was the worst European winter in 120 years
12-14 Dec: Prayer was distributed

16 Dec: Under cover of heavy rain, thick fog, and swirling ground mist, and with visibility reduced to a few yards, the Germans broke out of the Schnee Eifel Forest. The sixth Panzer Army tore through the First Army's VIII Corps. The fifth Panzer Army to the north went through the VIII and VI Corps.

19 Dec: Third Army diverted from East to North towards Bastogne.

20 Dec: To the surprise of both German and American weather forecasters, the weather broke. Clear blue skies appeared. Our planes took to the air, first by tens, then hundreds, and finally by thousands. We knocked out hundreds of tanks and blunted the Bastogne salient by killing thousands of troops.

25 Dec: Bastogne was saved.

20 Jan: When Monsignor James O'Neill met Patton in Luxembourg, the General stood right in front of him and said: "Well, Padre, our prayers worked. I knew they would." Then he cracked me on the helmet with his riding crop and walked away.

How Do We Pray?

John 4:23-25

23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Rom 8:9

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Symbol of Prayer

Ps 141:2

2 May my prayer be counted as incense before You;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

Rev 5:8

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Rev 8:3-4

3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

Reasons for Prayer: Not an Option

1 Sam 12:23

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

1 Thess 5:17-18

17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Col 4:2-4

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; 4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

Luke 18:1

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Reasons for Prayer: Medium thru which God Bestows Gifts

Dan 9:3-4

3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. 4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said...

Matt 7:7-8

7" Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matt 21:22

"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

James 1:5-8

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like

the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Reasons for Prayer: Follow Christ's and Early Church's Example

Heb 5:7

7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

Acts 6:4-5

4 "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 The statement found approval with the whole congregation.

Acts 12:5

5 So Peter was kept in the **prison**, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon).

Reasons for Prayer: Victory and Deliverance

Eph 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH**, and **HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**, 15 and having shod **YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take **The HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Matt 26:41

" Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Luke 18:1

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Acts 12:3-11

3 When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread. 4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people. 5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God. 6 On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison. 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands. 8 And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." 9 And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Col 1:9-14

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us

to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. 13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

James 1:5-8

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Acts 28:8

8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him.

James 5:13-18

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

James 4:7-8

7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Rom 15:30-33

30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, 31 that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; 32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company. 33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Eph 1:15-19

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Eph 3:14-19

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Acts 4:14-20

14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply. 15 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one another, 16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 "But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name." 18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; 20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Rom 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

Matt 9:37-38

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Admonitions

Luke 18:1 [Pray at all times.]

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

Rom 12:9-13 [Be devoted to prayer.]

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

Col 4:2-4 [Be devoted to prayer.]

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; 4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

1 Thes 5:17

pray without ceasing; [Note preceding shortest verse. See Jn 11:35.]

1 Thes 5:25

Brethren, pray for us.

1 Tim 2:8 [Pray everywhere.]

Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Philippians 4:6 [Don't worry.]

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Ps 32:6 [The saved must pray.]

Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You

Promises

Ex 22:22-24 [He will hear the cry of the widow and orphan.]

22 " You shall not afflict any widow or orphan. 23 "If you afflict him at all, and if he does cry out to Me, I will surely hear his cry; 24 and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

Deut 4:7 [God will hear Israel's call.]

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?

2 Chron 7:12-18 [God will heal Israel's land if they humble themselves.]

12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 " If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 " Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place. 16 "For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. 17 "As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, even to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep My statutes and My ordinances, 18 then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with your father David, saying, ' You shall not lack a man to be ruler in Israel.'

Job 22:27

"You will pray to Him, and He will hear you;

Ps 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble.

I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."

Ps 65:2

O You who hear prayer,

To You all men come.

Ps 68:5-6 [He is God of the destitute.]

A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.

6 God makes a home for the lonely;

He leads out the prisoners into prosperity,

Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Ps 102:17

Ps 27:10

For my father and my mother
have forsaken me,
But the LORD will take me up.
[Orphan Psalm]

He has regarded the prayer of the destitute
And has not despised their prayer.

Prov 15:8 [Pray in spirit and truth.]

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

Prov 15:29 [Pray in spirit and truth.]

The LORD is far from the wicked,
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

Luke 11:13 [He will send the Spirit to whoever asks.]

"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

John 4:10 [He can give eternal life.]

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

John 9:31 [Pray in spirit and truth.]

"We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

James 1:5-8 [Ask for wisdom and it will be given.]

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Apostle's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

9 'Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

10' Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

11' Give us this day our daily bread.

12'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']

Places of Prayer

Matt 6:6 [seclusion]

"But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Dan 6:10 [private home]

Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

Acts 12:5 [private home]

So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God

Acts 12:12 [private home]

And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

Matt 14:23 [mountains]

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

Mark 1:35 [desert]

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

Acts 16:13 [by a river]

And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

Acts 16:16 [by a river]

It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

Acts 21:5-6 [on a beach]

5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another. 6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again.

1 Tim 2:8 [everywhere]

Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Positions for Prayer

Mark 11:25 [standing]

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.

Luke 18:13 [standing, eyes lowered]

"But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

John 17:1 [standing, eyes raised]

Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,

1 Kings 8:54 [kneeling, hands raised]

When Solomon had finished praying this entire prayer and supplication to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread toward heaven.

Luke 22:41 [kneeling]

And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray,

Acts 20:36 [kneeling with group]

When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Eph 3:14 [kneeling]

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father

Matt 26:39 [on face]

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

Job 1:20 [on face]

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

Neh 8:6 [on face after lifting hands and saying Amen]

Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, " Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Mt 8:2 and Luke 5:12 [Note two accounts of leper. He knees placing face between knees then lays prostrate with hands extended.]

Mt 8:2

And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

Lk 5:12

While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

2 Kings 20:2 [Hezekiah prayed in bed facing wall and was given 15 years.]

Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying,

Ps 63:6 [in bed]

When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the night watches,

1 Kings 18:42 [face between knees]

So Ahab went up to eat and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he crouched down on the earth and put his face between his knees.

Ex 4:31 [bowing low]

So, the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD was concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then they bowed low and worshiped.

Ex 12:27 [bowing low]

you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to the LORD who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.'" And the people bowed low and worshiped.

John 11:41

So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, " Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

John 17:1

Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,

Job 1:20

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

Neh 8:6

Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, " Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Ps 141:2

2 May my prayer be counted as incense before You;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

1 Tim 2:8

Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Matt 19:13

Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

Times of Prayer

Ps 55:17 [3 times]

Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur,
And He will hear my voice.

Dan 6:10 [3 times]

Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

1 Tim 5:5 [day and night]

Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day.

Luke 18:1 [always]

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart...

Eph 6:18 [always]

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

1 Thess 5:17-18 [always]

17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ps 5:3 [morning]

In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;

In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

Ps 88:13 [morning]

But I, O LORD, have cried out to You for help,

And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

Mark 1:35 [morning]

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

Ps 141:2 [evening]

May my prayer be counted as incense before You;

The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

Ps 141:5 [evening]

Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me;

It is oil upon the head;

Do not let my head refuse it,

For still my prayer is against their wicked deeds.

Matt 14:23 [evening]

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

Matt 26:36-46 [evening]

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. 38 Then He said to them, " My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." 40 And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? 41 " Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. 45 Then He came to the disciples and said to them, " Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 "Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

Luke 6:12 [all night]

It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

Acts 3:1 [on schedule]

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour [3 PM], the hour of prayer.

Acts 10:9 [on schedule]

On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour [noon] to pray.

Acts 10:30 [on schedule]

Cornelius said, " Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ninth hour [3 PM]; and behold, a man stood before me in shining garments,

1 Chron 5:20 [during crisis]

They were helped against them, and the Hagarites and all who were with them were given into their hand; for they cried out to God in the battle, and He answered their prayers because they trusted in Him.

2 Chron 13:13-19 [Civil War]

13 But Jeroboam had set an ambush to come from the rear, so that Israel was in front of Judah and the ambush was behind them. 14 When Judah turned around, behold, they were attacked both front and rear; so they cried to the LORD, and the priests blew the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Judah raised a war cry, and when the men of Judah raised the war cry, then it was that God routed Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 When the sons of Israel fled before Judah, God gave them into their hand. 17 Abijah and his people defeated them with a great slaughter, so that 500,000 chosen men of Israel fell slain. 18 Thus the sons of Israel were subdued at that time, and the sons of Judah conquered because they trusted in the LORD, the God of their fathers. 19 Abijah pursued Jeroboam and captured from him several cities, Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages and Ephron with its villages.

Ps 50:15 [during crisis]

Call upon Me in the day of trouble;

I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me."

Matt 14:19 [before meal]

Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds,

Acts 27:35 [before meal with 276 on ship]

Having said this, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all, and he broke it and began to eat.

1 Tim 4:4-5 [abstaining from certain foods]

4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; 5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

Luke 5:15-16 [in solitude despite workload]

15 But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Types of Prayer

Types of Prayer: Private

Matt 6:5-6

5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Types of Prayer: Public

Acts 1:14 [in the Upper Room]

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 4:23-31 [after leaving the council]

23 When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, 25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said,

'WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE,
AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

26'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND,
AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER
AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.'

27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur. 29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 12:5 [at a home]

So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

Acts 12:12-17 [at a home]

12 And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 When he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. They kept saying, "It is his angel." 16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed. 17 But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brethren." Then he left and went to another place.

Acts 16:26-30 [Jailer]

26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" 29 And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 20:36 [before releasing the Ephesians]

36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Types of Prayer: Eschatological

Luke 21:36 [upon Christ's return]

"But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Matt 24:20 [during End Times]

"But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.

Mark 13:33 [upon Christ's return]

"Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.

Ps 72:15 [the reign of the King]

So, may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him;

And let them pray for him continually;

Let them bless him all day long.

Types of Prayer: Eschatological—House of Prayer

Isa 56:7 [House of Prayer]

Even those I will bring to My holy mountain

And make them joyful in My house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar;

For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

Matt 21:13 [House of Prayer]

And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN."

Mark 11:17 [House of Prayer]

And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."

Luke 19:46 [House of Prayer]

saying to them, "It is written, 'AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' but you have made it a ROBBERS'DEN."

Various

Be Organized: Luke 11:1-4

1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." 2 And He said to them, " When you pray, say:

' Father, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

3'Give us each day our daily bread.

4'And forgive us our sins,

For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

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Be Regular: Ps 5:3

In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;

In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

Do not be Repetitious: Matt 6:7-13

7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

9 " Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

10' Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

11' Give us this day our daily bread.

12'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']

Men uncover and Women cover their Heads: 1 Cor 11:4-5

4 Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head. 5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved.

Tongues Requires Interpretation: 1 Cor 14:13-15

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

Marital Relationship Must Be Sound: 1 Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Be Sober: 1 Peter 4:7

The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

Fasting and Sexual Abstinence are an Aid: 1 Cor 7:5

Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Pray in Spirit and Truth: Rom 8:9

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Prohibitive Prayer: 1 John 5:16-17, 1 Cor 5:1-5

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death. 1 John 5:16-17

1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. 2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 1 Cor 5:1-5

Time to Stop Praying and Go to Work 1 Samuel 23:4

Then David inquired of the LORD once more. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand."

Unanswered Prayer Means We are Not Walking in His Will: 1 John 3:21-22

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.