

**5-D****Principles of Prayer****I. Prayer is ORDAINED and COMMANDED by God as the means by which we receive from Him.**

1. **JER 33:3** ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’
2. **MAT 7:7** **“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.
3. **JAM 4:2** You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. **You do not have, because you do not ask God.**

**II. Prayer CHANGES US, not God. God often will bring to mind things we must do or change in order to receive the answer for which we are praying.**

4. **MAT 5:23** “Therefore **if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,** 24 “leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. **First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**
5. **MAR 11:25** “And **whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.** 26 “But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

**III. All prayer is based on PROMISES in God's WORD. There is NO basis for prayer except for God's WORD.**

6. **ISA 55:9** "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 **As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,** 11 so is **my WORD** that goes out from my mouth: It **will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**
7. **JOH 15:7** **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.** 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (KJV)

**IV. In general, we are to pray PRIVATELY or IN AGREEMENT with others who are of like faith.**

8. **MAT 6:5** "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 **But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done IN SECRET, will reward you.**
9. **MAT 18:19** Again, I tell you that **if two of you on earth AGREE about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.** 20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.
10. **MAT 7:6** **“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine,** lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

**V. Depend on the HOLY SPIRIT in prayer.**

11. **ROM 8:26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. **We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.** 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because **the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.**
12. **JOH 14:16** “And **I will pray the Father, and He will give you another HELPER,** that He may abide with you forever— 17 “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
13. **LUK 11:11** "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 **If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**
14. **GAL 4:6** And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”**
15. **EPH 2:18** For **through Him we both have access BY ONE SPIRIT to the Father.**
16. **EPH 6:18** **praying always with all prayer and supplication IN THE SPIRIT,** being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
17. **JUD 20** But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,**

**VI. We are to be SPECIFIC in our requests made in prayer to God.**

18. **IJO 3:21** Dear friends, **if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God** 22 **and receive from him ANYTHING WE ASK,** because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.
19. **PSA 37:4** **Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.** 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: 6 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
20. **MAR 11:24** Therefore I tell you, **whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.**

## **VII. We are to pray in JESUS' NAME.**

21. **JOH 14:12** I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He 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 Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 **You may ask (demand) me for anything IN MY NAME, and I will do it.**
22. **JOH 16:23** In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, **my Father will give you whatever you ask IN MY NAME**. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. 26 **In that day you will ask IN MY NAME**. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me & have believed that I came from God.
23. **PHI 2:9** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,** 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **VIII. We are to EXPECT IN FAITH TO RECEIVE what we have requested from God in prayer AT THE TIME OF PRAYER, despite any apparent evidence in the natural to the contrary.**

24. **MAR 11:24** Therefore I tell you, **whatever you ask for in prayer, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, and it will be yours.**
25. **1JO 5:14** **This is the CONFIDENCE we have in approaching God: that if we ask ANYTHING according to his will, he hears us.** 15 **And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we HAVE what we asked of him.**
26. **HEB 4:16** **Let us then approach the throne of grace with CONFIDENCE, so that we may RECEIVE mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**
27. **MAT 7:9** "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 **If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!**
28. **HEB 11:1** Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT SEEN.**
29. **HEB 11:6** But **without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**
30. **MAT 21:19** Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered. 20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked. 21 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. 22 **If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.**"
31. **PHI 4:19** And **my God SHALL supply all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

## **IX. Make sure we have FORGIVEN others for any sin or grievance against us.**

32. **MAT 6:12** And **forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.** 14 "For **if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** 15 "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, **neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**
33. **MAR 11:25** And **when you stand praying, if you hold ANYTHING against anyone, FORGIVE him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.**" 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.
34. **EPH 4:32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another,** just as God in Christ forgave you.

## **X. Other HINDERANCES to answered prayer can include UNCONFESSSED SIN, DISOBEDIENCE in some area of our lives, lack of harmony in our FAMILIES, etc.**

35. **PSA 66:18** **If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;** 19 but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.
36. **ISA 59:1** Surely **the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.** 2 **But YOUR INIQUITIES have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will NOT HEAR.**
37. **JAM 4:2** You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. **You do not have, because you do not ask God.** 3 **When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with WRONG MOTIVES, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**
38. **IPE 3:7** **Husbands,** in the same way **be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will HINDER YOUR PRAYERS.**
39. **1JO 3:21** Dear friends, **if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God** 22 **and receive from him anything we ask, because WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS and DO WHAT PLEASES HIM.**
40. **PRO 21:13** If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

**XI. VAIN REPETITION is not necessary and actually hinders faith in receiving.**

41. **MAT 6:7** And **when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for THEY THINK THEY WILL BE HEARD BECAUSE OF THEIR MANY WORDS.** 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**XII. Our CONFESSION should reflect our faith that God has answered our prayer. However, this confession is often best kept private to ourselves or to those with whom we are agreeing in faith in prayer.**

42. **HEB 10:23** Let us **hold unwaveringly to the hope we PROFESS (CONFESS), for he who promised is faithful.**
43. **JAM 1:5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But **let him ask IN FAITH, NOTHING WAVERING.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 **A DOUBLE MINDED man is unstable in all his ways.**
44. **MAR 11:23** For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall SAY unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he SAITH shall come to pass; HE SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER HE SAITH.** 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

**XIII. We then offer THANKSGIVING, PRAISE and WORSHIP to God for His promised provision.**

45. **1TH 5:16** Be joyful always; 17 **pray continually;** 18 **GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES,** for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
46. **MAR 11:24** "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

**XIV. Be PERSISTENT in prayer, but in faith.**

47. **LUK 11:5** Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For **everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.**

**XV. We then exercise PATIENCE from the time of prayer to actual manifestation of the answer from God.**

48. **HEB 10:36** You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.
49. **HEB 6:12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to **imitate those who THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE inherit what has been promised.** 13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." 15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.
50. **ECC 11:1** Cast your bread upon the waters, for **after many days** you will find it again.
51. **LUK 8:15** But **the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by PERSEVERING produce a crop.**

**The scriptures speak of at least 8 different kinds or types of Prayer.**

**I. PRAYER OF FAITH**

**JAM 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But **let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.** 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**II. PRAYER OF AGREEMENT**

**MAT 18:19** "Again I say to you that **if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.** 20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

**III. PRAYER OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**PSA 100:1** Psalm of Thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; **Come before His presence with singing.** 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 **Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.** 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

**IV. PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & DEDICATION**

**MAT 26:39** He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "**O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**"

## V. PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**EZE 22:30** “So **I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it;** but I found no one. 31 “Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads,” says the Lord God.

## VI. PRAYER OF BINDING & LOOSING

**MAT 16:18** “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.19 “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and **whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**”

## VII. CORPORATE (UNITED) PRAYER

**ACT 12:5** Peter was therefore kept in prison, **but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.**

## VIII. PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT

**EPH 6:18** **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,** being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

**1CO 14:14** For **if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.** 15 What is the conclusion then? **I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.**

### Prayer Quotes:

1. Prayer is ‘Finding the will of God and agreeing with it’.
2. "Great grief prays with great earnestness. Prayer is not a collection of balanced phrases; it is the pouring out of the soul. What is love if it be not fiery? What are prayers if the heart be not ablaze? They are the battles of the soul. In them men wrestle with principalities and powers... "The prayer that prevails is not the work of lips and fingertips. It is the cry of a broken heart and the travail of a stricken soul." Samuel Chadwick
3. "Our praying, however, needs to be pressed and pursued with an energy that never tires, a persistency which will not be denied, and a courage which never fails." E.M. Bounds
4. "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer **is** the greater work." Oswald Chambers
5. "Have you any days of fasting and prayer? Storm the throne of grace and persevere therein, and mercy will come down." John Wesley
6. "A day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power." Edwin Harvey
7. "Quit playing, start praying. Quit feasting, start fasting. Talk less with men, talk more with God. Listen less to men, listen to the words of God. Skip travel, start travail." Leonard Ravenhill
8. "Prayer--secret, fervent, believing prayer--lies at the root of all personal godliness." Carey's Brotherhood, Serampore
9. "Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray, then my dear brother; pray, pray, pray." Edward Payson
10. "The reason why we obtain no more in prayer is because we expect no more. God usually answers us according to our own hearts." Richard Alleine
11. "The devil is not put to flight by a courteous request. He meets us at every turn, contends for every inch, and our progress has to be registered in heart's blood and tears." Charles E. Cowman
12. "A godly man is a praying man. As soon as grace is poured in, prayer is poured out. Prayer is the soul's traffic with Heaven; God comes down to us by His Spirit, and we go up to Him by prayer." T. Watson
13. "Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure." D.L. Moody
14. "There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ as by prayer." Jonathan Edwards
15. "God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it." John Wesley
16. "It's not good taste to ask God for the same thing over and over again." Andrew Murray
17. "If you pray 7 times for any one thing, you prayed 6 times in unbelief." Smith Wigglesworth