

Extra Stuff on Prayer Bible Study

MANTRA PRAYERS

Mat 6:5-6 (Jer) "And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the street corners for people to see them. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you pray, go to your private room and, when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in that secret place, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you."

Mat 6:7-8 (NIV) "And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Mat 6:7-8 (LB) "Don't recite the same prayer over and over as the heathen do, who think prayers are answered only by repeating them again and again. Remember, your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"

Mat 7:22-23 (Jer) "When the day comes many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?' Then I shall tell them to their faces: I have never known you; away from me, you evil men!"

Mat 5:44-45 (TEB) "But now I tell you: love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you, so that you will become the sons of your Father in heaven."

OTHER VERSES NOT USED

Job 42: 7-10 (Read from NIV of Job's intercessory prayer for his "friends".)

Ps 32:6 (NIV) Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found...

Mark 9:29 (NIV) He replied, "This kind can only come out by prayer."

Luke 11:9-13 (Read from the NIV the contrast of earthly and heavenly fathers)

Plp 1:3-6 (Phi) I thank my God for you whenever I think of you. My constant prayers for you are a real joy, because we have worked together for the gospel from the first day until present. I am confident of this: That the One who has begun his good work in you will go on developing it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Rev 8:3-4 (NIV) Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar upon the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

PERSISTENT PRAYER

Luke 11:5-8 (Jer) He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants."

Luke 18:1-8 (Read from the Phillips the parable of the Persistent Widow)

Philip 4:6-7 Do not be anxious, in everything, by prayer, present requests

1 Cor 14:1-25 (Read about the gift of speaking in tongues from the Phillips, which translates verse 22: "That means that tongues are a sign of God's power, not for those who are unbelievers but for those who already believe. Preaching the word of God, on the other hand, is a sign of God's power to those who do not believe rather than to believers." This is inverted from most translations, but is, I believe, correct. Either you must change this verse as Phillips did, or make nonsense of the next three verses, 23-25. What do you think?)

PASCAL: "God has instituted prayer so as to confer on His creatures the dignity of being causes."

C.S. Lewis on asking God to repeat himself: "It would be rash to say that there is any prayer that God never grants. But the strongest is the prayer we might express in the single word ENCORE. And how should the infinite repeat himself? All space and time are too little for Him to utter Himself in them ONCE."