

Prayer: What It Is and How To Do It?

God cannot do anything in this earth unless we allow Him. We must give Him our permission. And the way we allow Him in the circumstances of our lives is through prayer. Prayer is how we communicate with God.

Genesis 1:26 Then god said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Prayer of Agreement

This prayer involves more than one person getting into agreement about a particular thing they are believing God for.

Matthew 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.

Prayer of Faith / Petition Prayer

This prayer is petition (request) to God for you, only you.

Mark 11:24 “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Prayer of Intercession

This is when you pray for someone else totally and completely, and when you pray for someone else (or some other thing) without knowing what the circumstances and situation are.

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Burden of Prayer

This type of prayer is an intense urgency to pray about a specific person or a particular situation.

Matthew 9:37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. **38** Therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Prayer of Praise and Worship

This type of prayer is prayer for you and the Lord, and all you are doing is telling Him how much you love Him, just like you do your sweetheart. You are not asking Him for anything. You are sending up a sweet savor (smell) unto Him of adoration (love, respect, worship), appreciation (thanks, admiration), and thanksgiving (blessing, prayer, thanks).

Psalms 100:4 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.

Prayer of Consecration and or Dedication

This is a prayer where you place yourself in a position to be used of God. Therefore, you have to use “If it be your will”, because you cannot find God’s will concerning the situation in the “Bible.”

Luke 22:41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, **42** saying, “Father if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.

You never use a Prayer of Consecration and Dedication when you are trying to pay your bills. If you tack or add an “if it be Your will” onto a petition prayer, you are praying in doubt; and to do so cancels out your “prayer of faith.”

How To Apply Your Knowledge

If you learn how to apply the following ingredients (elements, things) every prayer you pray will be answered. These ingredients deal with **Petition Prayer**, which is the prayer that has to do with you and the father — just the two of you.

Ingredients #1: Decide what you want from God; then find the scripture that promises it to you.

If you do not know what you want that is exactly what you will get.

Ingredients #2: Ask God for the things that you want, then believe that you have them; not that you are going to get them, but believe that you have them.

Ingredients #3: Let every thought and desire affirm that you have received what you have asked for. Guard against and resist the negative thoughts with which Satan will use to intimidate you. Do not accept anything other than what you have asked for.

Ingredients #4: Thoughts are governed by or controlled by observation, association, and teaching. You need to stay away from all places and things that do not support your affirmation that God has answered your prayer. That means you might have to stay away from some churches and from some Christian television and radio.

Ingredients #5: Think on the promises, on which you have based the answer to your prayer.

Proverbs 4:20 Whoever curses his father or mother, his lamp will be put out in deep darkness
21 An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning will not be blessed at the end. **22** Do not say, “I will recompense evil”, wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

****Do not think on the problem, think on the solution****

Ingredients #6: In your waking moments; think on the love, **mercy, goodness** and **blessings** of God, and it will boost your faith. Constantly praise Him for what He is doing in your life.

Psalms 150:6 “Let everything that has breath praise the lord.”

Ingredients #7: Make every word relative to what you have asked a statement of faith. Make your word a statement of faith rather than a statement of doubt and unbelief.

Romans 10:7 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.