

# **PRAYER GUIDE FOR BELIEVERS**

**How we should pray for fellow Believers according to John 17.**



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## God Wants His Children To Pray - Part 1

*Matthew 6:9-13*

### INTRODUCTION

If there was ever a time you needed to be praying, it is now. Praying to God and spending time communicating with Him should be a regular part of your daily routine. However, many people are intimidated by prayer. They don't know where to start and what to say. They don't want to "bother God" with their requests and issues. Thankfully, we have someone to look to when learning how to pray. Jesus gave us a great example of how we should approach prayer when He prayed The Lord's Prayer, found in the Gospel of Matthew. So with this prayer as our model, let's look at four things you can include in your daily prayer time.

### KEY POINTS

#### **1. Pray that God would help you submit to His will for your life.**

We are to pray to align ourselves with the will of God. Jesus once again sets a great example of this in the Garden of Gethsemane, just before He was arrested. He says, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you." (John 17:1)

In essence, He was saying, "Lord, I want to make sure I am aligned with you and that you receive the glory." As His followers, we should have the same posture when we are praying. Aligning yourself, in the decisions you are making, with the perfect will of God is critical to the Christian life.

#### **2. Pray that God would help you to embrace the power you have in the Holy Spirit.**

If you have turned from sin and placed your faith in Christ, you are forgiven. You are acceptable to God. You are a citizen of the Kingdom of God. You are full of the power of the Holy Spirit, full of fruit, and full of gifts that God will use.

God wants you to use that power and be confident in embracing the power that's available to you. Accordingly, take this Scripture passage to heart when it says, Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

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#### **3. Pray that God would save those we know who are unbelievers.**

Let me ask you a question: Are you concerned right now about some of your family members who do not know Christ? Are you concerned about your children? Students, are you concerned about the spiritual condition of the people in your school? Are you concerned about your teachers who have never had an encounter with Christ?

The greatest burden upon our hearts should not be what we don't have, but rather what others don't have that will make a difference in eternity. Jesus always prayed for the salvation of other people, and we should prioritize doing the same.

#### **4. Pray that God would help and bless your fellow believers.**

Our brothers and sisters in Christ need our prayers; therefore, we shouldn't skip over the opportunity to intercede on their behalf. Pray that they will have full confidence in Christ and His will for them. Pray that they would be reminded that Jesus is praying for them directly to the Father. And pray that their lives would ultimately bring glory and honor to Jesus.

We must remember that prayer is powerful, and it makes a real difference! Because prayer honors our Heavenly Father, let's make prayer a priority. Let's praise the Lord, because He is worthy. Let's ask for His forgiveness and protection. Let's pray for those around us who are in need of intercession. Very importantly, let's pray that we would live each day with the goal of aligning our will with the Father's will.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is one area of your life where you need to ask God to help you to submissive to His will?
2. Who is an unbeliever you know that you can start praying for on a daily basis?
3. Is there a fellow believer the Lord brought to your mind during this message that could use your prayers?

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## God Wants His Children To Pray - Part 2

*John 17:6-25*

### INTRODUCTION

As we continue our discussion on prayer, I want us to focus specifically on what it looks like to pray for our fellow believers, whether that be other believers in our community right now, or the next generation of believers that will come behind us. These people need our prayers, and I want us to make it our goal to pray for them daily so that the Lord would use them mightily for His glory to further His Kingdom.

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### KEY POINTS

#### 1. Praying For Fellow Believers

There are many prayers we can be praying on behalf of our fellow believers. Here is a list to get you started:

- Pray that they would have complete confidence in Jesus.
- Pray that they would know Jesus is interceding for them.
- Pray that their lives would bring glory to Jesus.
- Pray that they would be protected by the power of the name of Jesus
- Pray that they would be one with each other as they pursue unity in the body of Christ.
- Pray that they would have the full measure of Jesus' joy within them.
- Pray that they would realize they are not of this world.
- Pray that they would live set apart by the Word of God.
- Pray that they would live "sent."

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## 2. Prayer For The Next Generation Of Believers

In addition to praying for our fellow believers, we should also be praying for the next generation of believers that God is going to raise up after us. Here are a few things you can be praying for specifically for this group of people:

- Pray that they may be one, just like the Father and Son are one.
- Pray that they may be in unity.
- Pray that they will know they are wanted.
- Pray that they would see the glory of Jesus.
- Pray that they will continue to experience the Father's love.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Who are three fellow believers in your life right now that you can add to your daily prayer list?
2. When was the last time you told someone you were praying for them? If it's been a while, reach out to someone today and let them know you're lifting them up before the Lord.
3. Are you already praying for the next generation of believers, or is this prayer habit something you need to newly incorporate in your time with the Lord each day?

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