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# 2 Samuel 7:18-29

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# The prayer from 2 Samuel 7:18-29

A. The present: gratitude for divine favor  
[vv. 7:18-21]

B. The past: praise for what God has already  
done [vv. 7:22-24]

C. The future: prayer for divine fulfillment  
of covenant promises [vv. 7:25-29]

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1. The proper disposition for prayer is humbled gratitude showing deference.

“Trust the past to God’s mercy,  
the present to God’s love  
and the future to God’s providence.”

- Augustine

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2. Sitting before the Lord displaces noise, hurry and worry.

“I cannot replace an idol by turning away from it. I must turn toward something.”

- John Ortberg  
*Soul Keeping*



“The first thing for our soul’s health, the first thing for His glory, and the first thing for our own usefulness, is to keep ourselves in perpetual communion with the Lord Jesus, and to see that the vital spirituality of our religion is maintained over and above everything else in the world.”

- Charles H. Spurgeon  
*Morning and Evening*

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“There is a great danger in getting so caught up in our God-plans that we will forget all about God. When David sat down, the real action started: not David making God a house, but God making David a house.”

- Eugene Peterson

# *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.

Amen.