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## PRAYERS THAT WORK: THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

### The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."  
Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

### Blessing:

"In the Bible, a blessing is God's favor or gift  
that brings happiness, prosperity, and fruitfulness.  
It is a spiritual or material benefit from God,  
empowering individuals and creation to thrive as intended.  
The concept encompasses God's grace, forgiveness,  
joyful experiences, and the successful fulfillment of purpose,  
both in this life and for an eternal future."  
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## HOW DO WE PLACE OURSELVES IN POSITION TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS?

### 1. CHOOSE **GOD'S AUTHORITY** AS FIRST PLACE IN MY LIFE (THE KINGDOM)

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

#### \*CHECK THESE TWO AREAS

#### A. **MONEY**

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You **give a tenth** of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter (justice, mercy, faithfulness), without neglecting the former. (tithing)" Matthew 23:23 (NIV)

#### B. **TIME**

"And let us not neglect our **meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

### 2. BE FUELED BY **GOD'S POWER** (THE POWER)

"Blessed are those whose strength is in You..." Psalm 84:5a (NIV)

#### \*HOW CAN I BE FUELED BY GOD'S POWER?

#### A. **TAKE RISKS TO GROW AND OBEY GOD.**

"But blessed are those who **trust in the LORD** and have made the LORD their hope and confidence." Jeremiah 17:7 (NLT)

#### B. **DON'T GIVE UP WHEN DISCOURAGED OR AFRAID.**

"God will bless you, **if you don't give up** when your faith is being tested. He will reward you with a glorious life..."  
James 1:12a (CEV)

### 3. TRY TO **HONOR GOD** WITH MY LIFE (THE GLORY)

"He will bless everyone who **honors Him...**" Psalm 115:13a (GNT)

#### \*HOW CAN I HONOR GOD?

#### A. **USE MY ABILITIES TO HELP OTHERS.**

"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to **serve one another.**"  
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

#### B. **HELP PEOPLE CONNECT TO JESUS.**

"I do everything to **spread the Good News** and share in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9:23 (NLT)