

Wartime Prayers

Are the battles taking place in Ukraine right now driving you deeper into the things of this world, or the truth of God's Word?

Are you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior and what fruit in your life is bearing witness to this reality?

If you've been regularly attending this class for the last 8 weeks, how, if at all, has your prayer life changed?

The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

Prayer is offering our desires to God in the name of Christ for things that agree with His will, confessing our sins, and thankfully recognizing His mercies.

- For our purposes, we thought it appropriate to also add the idea of offering not just our desires, but our praise & exaltation to God

Three P's = **P**erceive -> **P**ray -> **P**ros-koo-neh'-o

Perceive the truth concerning God ([Matt 14:24-27](#))

What are some truths about Jesus that the disciples perceived here?

Pray (Shortest: [Matt 14:28-31](#))

Pros-koo-neh'-o ([Matt 14:32-33](#))

- There is an intimate connection between prayer and worship of God

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- Worship = to express in attitude or gesture one's complete dependence on or submission to a high authority figure, (fall down and) worship (BDAG, 882); to show respect, reverence (NIDOTTE, 150)
- While this can be a reference to some thing we do at a point in time, the life of the Christian is to be characterized by their worship of Jesus
 - Since all things are for Christ's glory, the believer's response to being made aware of this truth is to offer up themselves for the accomplishment of that very purpose

Fun Facts

Much of [Psalm 119](#) is addressed to God in the language of prayer

- Bible's longest chapter.

OT: [Nehemiah 9:5-38](#) contains the longest prayer in all of Scripture

- If you read it aloud, it would take you about seven minutes

NT: [John 17](#) longest prayer in the NT.

- Longest recorded prayer of Jesus
 - 26 verses long

Perceive the truth concerning God ([Neh 8-9:3](#))

Pray (Longest: [Neh 9:4-38](#))

Pros-koo-neh'-o ([Neh 9:5-38](#))

So What?

On Dec 17th, 1876 Charles Spurgeon preached a sermon entitled “Return! Return” through [Jeremiah 3:12, 14, 22](#)

“Nine times out of ten, declension from God begins in the neglect of private prayer”

Brooks was right when he said, “Praying will make you leave off sinning or else sin will make you leave off praying.” Of course, that is not meant in the absolute sense of the term, but as to certain sins, especially gross sins—and some of the sins to which God’s people are liable are gross sins—I am certain they cannot come before their Father’s face with the confidence they had before, after having been rolling in the mire or wandering in By-Path Meadow.

- “Restraining Prayer” (Sermon #2943), preached in 1863 at MT

While there are many ways to worship God, prayer is the heart and mouth expression of adoration/adulation to God. So if your prayer life is suffering, your worship to God is suffering.

- › Prayer, regardless of length, should be as essential as breathing.
- › Whether in crisis or celebration, our life circumstances should drive us to God in prayer.
- › Our prayers should instigate our worship of God.
- › Our prayer-life is in indicator of our quality time spent in God’s Word or in true worship.

Prayer Prompts

1. Faithfulness to be the person God has called you to be, regardless of your surrounding or circumstances.
2. Confession and repentance of sin.
3. Help identifying idols hindering true worship.
4. The grace necessary to be putting idols to death.
5. Growth in love for Jesus and sinners within and outside of the church.
6. Praise for victory over sin.
7. Praise for the Gospel, the church, and God’s glory.