

Let's Pray

Prayer 201

I. "Because You Prayed"

Isaiah 37:21-22 (NIV®)

²¹ Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: **Because you have prayed to me** concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, ²² this is the word the LORD has spoken against him: 'The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises and mocks you. The Daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head as you flee.'"

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV®)

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

II. A New Response ---Let's Pray

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV®)

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but **in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.** ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- ❖ Almighty God we ask for your help, in Jesus' name, amen.
- ❖ God give us your wisdom, in Jesus' name, amen.
- ❖ Heavenly Father, thank you for watching over us! amen.

III. Prayer 201

A. The Creator of All Things, Almighty God --- Heavenly Father

Luke 11:1-2 (NIV®)

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "**When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.'**"

B. Permission Given

John 16:24 (NIV®)

²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

C. Ultimate Authority

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV®)

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

D. Faith *in action*

Mark 16:15-18 (NIV®)

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: **In my name** they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

IV. Ways to Pray

Matthew 9:2-8 (NIV®)

² Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." ³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" ⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ **Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?** ⁶ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." ⁷ And the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

A. General & Specific

B. A Portfolio of Prayers

Mark 2:11-12 (NIV®)

¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "**We have never seen anything like this!**"

Mark 4:39-41 (NIV®)

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "**Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!**"

1. Healing Prayer
2. Prayer of Repentance
3. Prayer of Forgiveness
4. Prayer of Deliverance
5. Prayer of Thanksgiving
6. Prayer of Provision
7. Prayer of Blessing

V. A Heritage of Faith & Prayer

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion and our civilization...Help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice."

-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, June 6, 1944, D-Day Prayer on Allied Invasion of Normandy, France.

"America needs God more than God needs America. If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under."

-RONALD REAGAN, August 23, 1984, at Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, Dallas, Texas.

Prayer

Our Father,
Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your Kingdom come and Your 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom and the glory and the power for
ever and ever, amen.