

Foundations in Faith Week 3 - Prayer Handout

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Foundations in Faith

_____ for our relationship with God. It is so important that we have many occasions of Jesus praying in the scriptures as an example for us to follow. While all 4 gospels are full of references to Jesus praying, the gospel according to Luke places a huge emphasis on Jesus praying...

Luke 5:16 NKJV

¹⁶ So He Himself *often* withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

Luke 6:12 NKJV

¹² Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Prayer is _____.

When we _____ we come to the _____ in the name of _____ having been washed by the blood of Jesus from our sin.

John 16:23-27 NKJV

²³ “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

Praying in Jesus name is _____ because the idea of praying in Jesus name is that we are praying according to

1 John 5:14–15 NKJV

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Asking according to Jesus name and thus His will is a

_____.

We come in Jesus name partly because Jesus told us that this is how our relationship with our heavenly Father works...

John 14:6 NKJV

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

God desires a _____.

Let’s look at 2 basic categories of prayer. _____ and _____

Lifting prayer is:

Leaning prayer is:

asking for help in _____

asking for help in _____

asking for His ability in _____

Understand that the LORD is God and He wants to be your

_____.

But remember how we must come to God in the first place. We come in _____ and that includes the

_____ as we pray.

_____ is how He wants you to live for Him, and that happens as we come surrendered and dependent upon Him in prayer.

This is what is meant to _____ in Christ Jesus. We now live in dependence, reliance, and constantly place our trust in Him. So also your prayers should be filled with request for His

_____.

John 15:5 NKJV

⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Part of growing in maturity in your walk with Christ is learning that you must grow in your _____ in God each day and that happens as we pray.

As we lean on God in prayer we must be _____.

Psalm 139:1-4 NKJV

¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.

² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

God knows us even better than we know ourselves.

Hebrews 4:13 NKJV

¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

So when we pray we can lay everything out before God since He knows it all already. This type of attitude in prayer

_____.

This kind of praying brings _____ as we learned from our memory verse last week...

Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

When we pray we must also come _____ trusting God for the results of our prayer and even sometimes confessing our _____ like the man who brought his demon possessed son to Jesus...

Mark 9:23–24 NKJV

²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Remember that in this flesh we will never have perfect _____ and it is not only OK, but necessary to ask God to strengthen our _____ at times.

Jesus taught His disciples how to _____.

Matthew 6:5–13 NKJV

⁵ “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We pray because God tells us to, and we pray knowing that God is _____ us through prayer.

James 4:2-3 NKJV

² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

Prayer is the avenue where we can confess our great need for God and trust Him to provide for us!

So _____ on Jesus and _____ hard and when the going gets tough, _____ even harder.

Matthew 11:28-29 NKJV

²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Prayer is meant to be the _____ way we live our lives, not the last resort to our problems.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 NKJV

¹⁷ pray without ceasing,

¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Homework:

A. Take prayer request for the week.

B. Fusion - Week Four

C. Memory Verse **Philippians 4:6-7.**

Work on your 4 minute testimony

Work on sharing the gospel in 4 minutes or less