

Journal / Devotional
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A Kingdom Prayer

Read Matthew 6:5-15

Use this model to engage in the prayer model Jesus gave:

FOCUS ON GOD

1. Praise – Hallowed be your name

- “Hallowed” is not a word readily used today, but “praise” is more common. Your prayers can always start with praising God because there is an infinite number of reasons to praise his name every day. You can begin praising him when you wake up until you fall asleep at the end of the day.

2. Kingdom – Your kingdom come

- Thank and praise God for his kingdom, but also pray for an expansion of his kingdom. Pray for people who do not know Jesus, people you know when the Holy Spirit impresses their names on you. Pray for those presenting the gospel to others – missionaries, pastors and our churches.

3. Will – Your will be done

- Thank and praise God for his perfect will and how it guides your life. Pray that your will does not conflict with God’s will but rather aligns with it. Pray that God clearly shows you his will for your life and that you obediently follow it.

FOCUS ON YOU

1. Needs – Give us our daily bread

- Pray about your needs – the necessities of life. However, if God knows all your needs before you pray about them, why pray? Our most significant need is to get closer to him, and prayer is the direct route to God. We can bring our needs to God because he wants us to.

2. Forgiveness – Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors

- This is the opportunity to ask for forgiveness for your sins. But also take time to ask the Holy Spirit to show you people that you need to forgive – or people you need to ask forgiveness from.

3. Protection – Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one

- Pray for protection and total reliance on the Lord to guard your life and the lives of others. Pray against the evil of the world and strength for you to resist it.