

## “Misunderstood” Sermon Series: Ask For Anything?

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### I. Prayer Prompts

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*Key Truth:* Prayer Should Align Our Will To God’s Will

### II. Prayer Requests

John 14:13-14; Mark 11:24

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*Point:* God Grants Prayers That Are Aligned With His Will

### III. Model Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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*Point:* Prayer Should Be Our Continual Practice

### IV. Transformed Through Prayer

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### Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

What are the circumstances that most often prompt you to pray? For many, it’s want, need, or fear that drives us to call upon the Lord. Those aren’t bad reasons, but for many believers, prayer prompted by thanksgiving, rejoicing, and praise happens far less often.

We are quick to bring our lists before God—asking Him to make us comfortable, happy, healthy, and in control. We lay our wants, desires, and fears at His feet as if He were a divine vending machine, somehow obligated to fulfill our every desire. How easily we forget all that He has already done for us in Christ. When prayer becomes mainly about getting what we want, we’ve missed its true purpose. The Bible teaches that prayer is not a tool for bending God’s will to ours—it is the means by which our will is bent to His.

When we pray in Jesus’ name—according to His character, mission, and will—we can be certain He will answer. This kind of prayer, offered in faith, trusts that God’s will is best—even when it differs from our own. God is never required to grant our every request, but He always keeps His promises. And His promises are the most rock-solid assurance we will ever have.

Take a moment to reflect: When you pray, are you more focused on asking God to change your circumstances—or to change you? Do you measure His goodness by how often He gives you what you want, or by how faithfully He shapes you into the likeness of His Son? If God said “no” to your most urgent request but used that “no” to make you more like Jesus, would you still rejoice in His answer?

Let’s be people who come before the Lord with open hands and surrendered hearts. Pray not simply to receive from God, but to be transformed by Him. Ask Him to realign your desires with His, to deepen your trust in His wisdom, and to make you more like Jesus in every way. For when our will is conformed to His, we will find that our prayers are always answered in the very best way.