

How To Structure Your Prayers?

Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:9–13; 14–15

What Does The Bible Say?

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” (Luke 11:1 NLT)

9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. (Matthew 6:9 NLT)

Honor God’s name.

10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10 NLT)

Your main prayer focus is not about you.

This prayer is the antidote to sin.

Why?

4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT)

11 Give us today the food we need, (Matthew 6:11 NLT)

Ask for our daily needs to be met. Remember that all we have is from God.

12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:12; 14–15 NLT)

Forgiving others acknowledges my need for a Savior.

13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:13 NLT)

We need to ask for protection.

How Can You Obey?

Begin our prayers focusing on God.

End our prayers by praying for the family of God.

Additional Notes:

If you want to use your home to disciple others, check out our training at www.crosswaveschurch.com/host. Cross Waves has produced short videos to train you to use your home to reach others for Christ. So please check it out.

Explore:

Christianity is about more than attending church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each learner enter into this relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal, keep the following in mind:

Following Christ is more than a mere decision; it is about a lifelong relationship. Jesus called us to make disciples, not mere decision-makers. Aim for long-term faith, not momentary emotion.

Salvation is a matter of grace, not works. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8-9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2-6).

Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Don't confuse sanctification with salvation. Holiness follows salvation; it doesn't precede it. Don't try to impose "Christian"

expectations on men and women who don't know Christ.

- Keep it simple. Being born again is not complicated. Here's a simple way to explain it:

- Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).

- Trust in Christ's sacrifice for your sins and His resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Surrender your life to God's transforming power (Romans 12:1-2).

Remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and allow them to respond.

If you do that faithfully, some will respond and join the band of Christ- followers. When they do, Heaven will rejoice!

Question 1 of 4

How would prayer change negatively if you could not call God Father?

Question 2 of 4

How does Jesus's resurrection demonstrate that you can pray confidently for God's will to be done in your life?

Question 3 of 4

Do people in first-world countries need to pray for their daily needs less than people in third-world countries?

Question 4 of 4

Why is your forgiveness from God dependent on you forgiving others?

