

# PRACTICING PRAYER

*EXAMINING THE  
LORD'S PRAYER*

MATTHEW 6:5-13



*"WE OUGHT TO PRAY WITH GOD IN  
THE GREATEST SIMPLICITY, SPEAKING  
TO HIM FRANKLY AND PLAINLY AND  
IMPLORING HIS ASSISTANCE IN OUR  
AFFAIRS JUST AS THEY HAPPEN."*

*THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD*

# WHAT IS PRAYER AT ITS CORE?

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD  
WITH WHAT YOU GOT NO  
MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.

# ROADBLOCKS TO PRAYER

I BELIEVE GOD DOESN'T HEAR MY  
PRAYERS BECAUSE I HAVE TOO  
MUCH SIN IN MY LIFE.



*THE RIGHTEOUS CRY OUT,  
AND THE LORD HEARS THEM;  
HE DELIVERS THEM FROM  
ALL THEIR TROUBLES.*

**PSALM 34:17**

ALL OF US HAVE BECOME LIKE  
ONE WHO IS UNCLEAN, AND ALL  
OUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS ARE LIKE  
FILTHY RAGS; WE ALL SHRIVEL UP  
LIKE A LEAF, AND LIKE THE WIND  
OUR SINS SWEEP US AWAY.

ISAIAH 64:6



*"GOD MADE HIM WHO HAD  
NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US, SO  
THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT  
BECOME THE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD."*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

*LET US THEN APPROACH GOD'S  
THRONE OF GRACE WITH  
CONFIDENCE, SO THAT WE MAY  
RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE  
TO HELP US IN OUR TIME OF NEED.*

**HEBREWS 4:16**



# ROADBLOCKS TO PRAYER

I BELIEVE GOD DOESN'T HEAR MY  
PRAYERS BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE  
ENOUGH FAITH.

JESUS ASKED THE BOY'S FATHER,  
"HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN LIKE  
THIS?" "FROM CHILDHOOD,"

HE ANSWERED. "IT HAS OFTEN  
THROWN HIM INTO FIRE OR WATER  
TO KILL HIM. BUT IF YOU CAN DO  
ANYTHING, TAKE PITY ON US AND  
HELP US."

MARK 9:21-25



*“‘IF YOU CAN’?” SAID JESUS.  
“EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR ONE  
WHO BELIEVES.”*

*IMMEDIATELY THE BOY’S FATHER  
EXCLAIMED, “I DO BELIEVE; HELP ME  
OVERCOME MY UNBELIEF!”*

**MARK 9:21-25**



WHEN JESUS SAW THAT A CROWD  
WAS RUNNING TO THE SCENE, HE  
REBUKED THE IMPURE SPIRIT. "YOU  
DEAF AND MUTE SPIRIT," HE SAID, "I  
COMMAND YOU, COME OUT OF HIM  
AND NEVER ENTER HIM AGAIN."

**MARK 9:21-25**

# ROADBLOCKS TO PRAYER

I BELIEVE GOD DOESN'T HEAR MY  
PRAYERS BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE  
THE RIGHT WORDS.



FOR THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD. THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED DOES NOT MAKE YOU SLAVES, SO THAT YOU LIVE IN FEAR AGAIN; RATHER, THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED BROUGHT ABOUT YOUR ADOPTION TO SONSHIP. AND BY HIM WE CRY, "ABBA, FATHER."

ROMANS 8:14-15



# A SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY PRAYER LIFE CONSISTS OF

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1. ADORATION (*PRAISING GOD*)
2. PETITIONS (*ASKING GOD*)
3. CONFESSIONS (*ADMITTING  
YOU MESSED UP*)

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,  
YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
YOUR WILL BE DONE,  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.  
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,  
AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR  
DEBTORS.  
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,  
BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE.

**MATTHEW 6:9-13**

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