

PLUGGED IN
Leaning on the Power of God
Plugging into God, the Father
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INTRODUCTION

A. Are you Plugged into the Power of Prayer? Jesus' "Model Prayer" is one of the most famous passages in the Bible and many people know the words by heart. But how many of us ever think about how it impacts and affects us day-to-day?

B. Prayer is not just a religious thing to do. It is an inward and outward form of communication with God. Prayer weighed so heavily on Jesus' heart that He warned His disciples...

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray to stand in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that men may see them." Matthew 6:5

Jesus desires us to pray correctly, plugged into the model way He gave us to pray and not unplugged by repetitive, religious obligation.

C. This series will include:

TODAY	Plugging into God, the Father
March 24	Plugging into God's Will
March 31	Plugging into Forgiveness
April 7	Plugging into the Jesus of the Bible (Special Speaker Dr. Elmer Towns, Co-Founder of Liberty University)
April 14	Plugging into the Kingdom of God

D. **TEXT:** Matthew 6:9-13 (New Testament)

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY:
PRAYER IS ABOUT _____ YOUR FATHER

WEEK #1: PLUGGING INTO GOD, THE FATHER

I. GOD IS ABOUT A _____ RELATIONSHIP "*Our father...*"

A. _____ is called "*Our Father.*"

B. God is not a distant father, but we are _____ children.

"For the LORD will not cast off His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance."
Psalm 94:14

C. God has our best interests at _____.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:16-18

D. God is calling us into His _____.

*“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”
Jeremiah 33:3*

II. GOD AFFIRMS HIS _____ “...who art in heaven...”

A. God has always _____. (see John 1)

B. God never _____.

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” Numbers 23:19

C. God gives _____ confidence to approach Him.

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16
(See Hebrews 12:23-29)

III. GOD REQUIRES _____ FROM HIS PEOPLE “...hallowed be thy name...”

A. God wants us to see Him where He truly is – a place of honor, glory, and _____.

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” Revelation 4:11

B. God wants us to enter into His _____ when we pray.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Psalm 100:4

1. We should enter His presence _____

2. We should enter His presence _____

3. We should enter His presence _____

4. We should enter His presence _____

C. God wants us to _____ in Him.

“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”

IV. OUR _____ THROUGH PRAYER

A. We have a responsibility to pray as _____ of the family.

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,”
Ephesians 3:14-15

B. We have the duty to pray for _____.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4

C. We are to carry one another’s _____ to the Father.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2

D. We should never pray out of _____ or a desire for glory.

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”
James 4:3

THE MODEL PRAYER CHALLENGE:

Pray this prayer every day during this series and think about how you are plugged in through prayer. Once you have memorized it, take a video of you saying it word for word and share it on social media in the hopes that praying it aloud will change others.

Use #cityunitedprayer when you post.

Free resource:

40 Days Devotional at mytwincity.org/40daysdevo

CONCLUSION:

Are you resting in God as your Father? God is Bigger!