

# Moms and More.

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1. *History of Prayer in the New Testament ...pages 1-8*
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Why pray? Does prayer work? Does it make a difference? When we look for prayer in the New Testament, what do we see? What is God teaching?

### 1. Before Jesus was baptized by John what did He do? He prayed.

Luke 3:21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was **praying**, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

### 2. What did Jesus do when He was in the wilderness for forty days?

He fasted.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After **fasting** forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

### 3. What other spiritual discipline is usually associated with fasting?

Prayer.

Psalms 35:13 Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth and **humbled myself with fasting**. **When my prayers** returned to me unanswered,

Daniel 9:3 So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in **prayer and petition, in fasting**, and in sackcloth and ashes.

Joel 1:14 Declare a **holy fast**; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and **cry out to the LORD**.

Luke 5:33 They said to him, "John's disciples often **fast and pray**, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking."

### 4. Do you think it is safe to assume that Jesus was communing with His Father — through prayer and fasting? I believe so..

5. **What happened after Jesus came out of the wilderness?** He met opposition from the evil one, and He was able to resist the temptations presented to Him by Satan.

### 6. The night before He chose His disciples, what was Jesus doing?

Luke 6:12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountain side to **pray**, and spent the night

praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

**7. Of all the things the disciples could have asked Jesus to teach them, what did they ask Him to teach them?** They asked Him to teach them to pray.

Luke 11:1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray**, just as John taught his disciples.”

**8. Why?** Because I believe they knew that was where Jesus received the power to do things like: calming the wind and the sea. Healing the sick. Speaking and teaching with great wisdom. Casting out demons. And most importantly knowing the Father’s will.

**9. In Luke 10, when Jesus sent the seventy out in two’s on an evangelistic mission, what did he ask them to do first?** He asked them to pray. To pray that God would send out the laborers into His harvest.

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: **pray** ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

**10. Throughout His ministry, how often do we see Jesus in prayer?**  
Almost always.

Matthew 14:23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountain side by himself to **pray**. When evening came, he was there alone,

Matthew 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and **pray**.”

Matthew 26:41 “Watch and **pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Mark 6:46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountain side to **pray**.

Luke 6:12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountain side to **pray**, and **spent the night praying** to God.

Luke 9:28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to **pray**.

Luke 22:45 When he rose from **prayer** and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

John 17:15 My **prayer** is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

John 17:20 “My **prayer** is not for them alone. I **pray** also for those who will believe in me through their message,

## 11. What did Jesus say His house would be? A house of prayer.

Matthew 21:13 “It is written,” he said to them, “ ‘My house will be called a **house of prayer,**’ but you are making it a ‘den of robbers.’ ”

Mark 11:17 And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: “**My house will be called a house of prayer** for all nations’ ? But you have made it `a den of robbers.’”

Luke 19:46 “It is written,” he said to them, “**My house will be a house of prayer**’ ; but you have made it ‘a den of robbers.’”

Isaiah 56:7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my **house of prayer.** Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a **house of prayer** for all nations.”

## 12. What was Jesus doing in the garden of Gethsemane when he submitted His will to go to the cross? Praying to God. Three times.

Matthew 26:37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 39 Going a little farther, **he fell with his face to the ground and prayed,** “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” 40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” 42 **He went away a second time and prayed,** “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” 43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and **prayed the third time,** saying the same thing.

## 13. What did Jesus do when Satan asked Him permission to sift Peter like wheat? He prayed.

Luke 22:31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

## 14. In ACTS 1: 12-16, what did the disciples do in the upper room?

They joined with others, about 120, and prayed for ten days.

Acts 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together **constantly in prayer,** along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) 16 and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus —

## 15. In Acts 2: 41, what happened after the 120 prayed? The day of Pentecost arrived and about 3,000 Jews became Christians.

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

## 16. In Acts 2: 42, besides devoting themselves to learning the word, fellowship, and the breaking of bread what other thing did the new believers devote themselves too? Prayer.

Acts 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to **prayer**.

**17. In Acts 2: 42, Peter and John are on there way to pray in the temple, when they stop and pray for a man crippled from birth and he walks.**

Acts 3:1-8 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer — at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

**18. In Acts 6: verse 4, what two things were the disciples (elders) to give attention to? Prayer and ministry of the word.**

Acts 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. **We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.**" 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who **prayed** and laid their hands on them. 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

**19. What evidence did the Lord give Ananias that he would be safe when He asked Ananias to go and pray for Saul of Tarsus. Remember Saul was the man who was killing Christians? He told Ananias that Saul prayed and that he was a chosen vessel by God.**

Acts 9:8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. 10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, **he prayeth**, 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

**20. In Acts 12 what were the Christians doing while Peter was in**

**prison awaiting execution?** Many were gathered in the house of Mary praying. Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. 5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: **but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.** 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; **where many were gathered together praying.** 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. 14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. 17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place. 18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. 19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode. 20 And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country. 21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. 22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. **24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.**

## **21. In Revelation chapters 4 & 5, how will we worship Jesus in heaven? Music and prayer. Harp and bowl.**

Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 **The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before**

**the throne, saying,** 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and **four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.** 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

**22. In Revelation chapters 5, where are the prayers of the saints kept?**  
In golden vials (bowls).

**23. Where is Jesus right now?**

At the right hand of the Father. Living inside of us.

Mark 16:19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he **sat at the right hand of God.**

Luke 20:42 David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: “The Lord said to my Lord: **“Sit at my right hand**

Luke 22:69 But from now on, the Son of Man will be **seated at the right hand** of the mighty God.”

Acts 2:32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. 33 **Exalted to the right hand of God,** he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: **“Sit at my right hand** 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

Hebrews 1:8 But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” 10 He also says, “In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.” 13 To which of the angels did God ever say, **“Sit at my right hand** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet” ?

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but **Christ lives in me.** The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Romans 8:11 And if **the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you**, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

2 Corinthians 4:10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

1 John 4:15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, **God lives in him** and he in God.

**24. What is Jesus doing at the right hand of the Father?** Interceding for us.

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died —more than that, who was raised to life —is at the right hand of God and is also **interceding** for us.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense --Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**25. Why do you think prayer was important?** Prayer is where we hear the Father's instructions. We become intimate with God. We build our friendship with our heavenly Father.

**26. What can prayer do for you?**

#### *Supernatural Power*

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye **pray**, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

#### *Supernatural Position*

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and **pray** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

#### *Supernatural Provision*

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ask what ye will**, and it shall be done unto you.

#### *Supernatural Protection*

Luke 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, **Pray** that ye enter not into temptation.

#### *Supernatural Peace*

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by **prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**27. What is the very best thing prayer can do for you?** Help draw you into a deeper personal relationship with your heavenly Father.

**Winning husbands to the Lord through gentle submission.**

1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

1 Peter 3:5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

**Husbands to live with their wives in an understanding way so their prayers will not be hindered.**

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.



# Components of prayer.

Even the disciples had to ask Jesus to *teach* them about prayer. Many people struggle with prayer because they haven't been taught. Or we just get downright lazy. Let the Holy Spirit teach you as you look throughout scripture to see the various "ingredients" of prayer. This is just a few items. Not all.

## 1. Seek solitude

Matthew 14:13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a **solitary place**. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

Matthew 6:5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 **But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.** Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Exod. 24:15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

## 2. Be still

Psalms 37:7 **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;** do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalms 46:10 "**Be still, and know that I am God;** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

## 3. Wait

Num. 9:8 Moses answered them, "**Wait until I find out what the LORD commands concerning you.**"

Psalms 27:14 **Wait for the LORD;** be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

Psalms 33:20 We **wait in hope for the LORD;** he is our help and our shield.

Psalms 37:7 **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;** do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalm 37:34 **Wait for the LORD** and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

Psalm 38:15 **I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God.**

Psalm 130:5 **I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,** and in his word I put my hope.

## 4. Come to God in humility

Psalm 25:9 **He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.**

James 4:6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: **“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”**

James 4:10 **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**

1Peter 5:6 **Humble yourselves,** therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; **a broken and contrite heart,** O God, you will not despise.

Isaiah 66:2 Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the LORD. **“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.**

## 5. Praise

2 Samuel 22:4 I call to the LORD, **who is worthy of praise,** and I am saved from my enemies.

2 Samuel 22:47 “The LORD lives! **Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God,** the Rock, my Savior!

2 Samuel 22:50 Therefore I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; **I will sing praises to your name.**

Psalm 100:0-5 A Psalm of praise. 1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

1 Chronicles 16:9 Sing to him, **sing praise to him;** tell of all his wonderful acts.

1 Chronicles 16:25 For great is the LORD and **most worthy of praise;** he is to be feared above all gods.

1 Chronicles 23:5 Four thousand are to be gatekeepers and **four thousand are to praise the LORD with the musical instruments** I have provided for that purpose.”

1 Chronicles 29:20 Then David said to the whole assembly, **“Praise the LORD your God.”** So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.

2 Chronicles 20:22 As they began to **sing and praise**, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Psalms 7:17 I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and **will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.**

Psalms 9:1 **I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;** I will tell of all your wonders.

Psalms 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; **I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Psalms 16:7 **I will praise the LORD,** who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

Psalms 18:3 I call to the LORD, **who is worthy of praise,** and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalms 18:46 The LORD lives! **Praise be to my Rock!** Exalted be God my Savior!

Psalms 18:49 Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name.

Psalms 21:13 Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength; **we will sing and praise your might.**

Psalms 22:22 I will declare your name to my brothers; **in the congregation I will praise you.**  
23 **You who fear the LORD, praise him!** All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

Psalms 22:26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; **they who seek the LORD will praise him--** may your hearts live forever!

Psalms 26:7 **proclaiming aloud your praise** and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalms 26:12 My feet stand on level ground; **in the great assembly I will praise the LORD.**

Psalms 28:6 Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

Psalms 30:4 Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; **praise his holy name.**

Psalms 31:21 **Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me** when I was in a besieged city.

Psalms 33:1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; **it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

Psalms 33:2 **Praise the LORD with the harp;** make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Psalms 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, **a hymn of praise to our God.** Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Psalms 42:5 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? **Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,** my Savior and

Psalms 43:4 Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. **I will praise you with the harp,** O God, my God.

Psalms 44:8 In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever. Selah

Psalms 45:17 I will perpetuate your memory through all generations; therefore the nations will

praise you for ever and ever.

Psalm 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth; **sing to him a psalm of praise.**

Psalm 51:15 **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Psalm 52:9 **I will praise you forever for what you have done;** in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints.

Psalm 56:4 **In God, whose word I praise,** in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

Psalm 57:9 **I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.**

Psalm 59:17 O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.

Psalm 61:8 Then will I ever sing praise to your name and fulfill my vows day after day.

Psalm 63:4 **I will praise you as long as I live,** and in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; **with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

Psalm 66:2 Sing the glory of his name; **make his praise glorious!**

Psalm 103:1 **Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

Psalm 119:164 **Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.**

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus said, **“I praise you, Father,** Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

Ephesians 1:3 **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,** who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Revelation 5:12 In a loud voice they sang: **“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

## 6. Wanting God’s will to be done

Matthew 6:10 your kingdom come, **your will be done** on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 26:42 He went away a second time and prayed, **“My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”**

John 4:31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, **“Rabbi, eat something.”** 32 But he said to them, **“I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”** 33 Then his disciples said to each other, **“Could someone have brought him food?”** 34 **“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.**

Mark 3:35 **Whoever does God’s will** is my brother and sister and mother.”

# 7. Ask/seek/knock

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek him**.

Matthew 7:7 **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;** knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, **he should ask God**, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

Lamentations 3:25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, **to the soul that seeketh him**.

Psalms 119:1 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. 2 Blessed are they who keep his statutes and **seek him with all their heart**.

Psalms 119:10 **I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands**.

Psalms 119:18 **Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law**.

Psalms 119: 27 **Let me understand the teaching of your precepts; then I will meditate on your wonders**.

Psalms 119: 33 **Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;** then I will keep them to the end. 34 **Give me understanding,** and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. 35 **Direct me in the path of your commands,** for there I find delight. 36 **Turn my heart toward your statutes** and not toward selfish gain. 37 **Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.** 38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant,** so that you may be feared. 39 **Take away the disgrace I dread,** for your laws are good.

Psalms 119:43 **Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws**.

Psalms 119:58 **I have sought your face with all my heart;** be gracious to me according to your promise.

Psalms 119:64 The earth is filled with your love, **O LORD; teach me your decrees**.

Psalms 119:66 **Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands**.

Psalms 119: 94 **Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts**.

Psalms 119:117 **Uphold me,** and I will be delivered; I will always have regard for your decrees.

Psalms 119:133 **Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me**.

Psalm 119:134 **Redeem me from the oppression of men**, that I may obey your precepts.

Psalm 119:169 **May my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word.**

Acts 17:27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

## 8. Be specific

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Exod. 32:9 “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” 11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? **Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.** 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” 14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Mark 10:51 **“What do you want me to do for you?”** Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

## 9. Repentance

Matt. 3:1,2,6 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2 and saying, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” 6 Confessing their sins**, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

Matthew. 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”**

Matthew 11:20 Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, **because they did not repent.**

Matthew 12:41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; **for they repented at the preaching of Jonah**, and now one greater than Jonah is

here.

## 10. Love

Joshua 23:11 **So be very careful to love the LORD your God.**

Ps. 18:1 **I love you, O LORD, my strength.** 2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Ps. 18:3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

Ps. 116:1 **I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;** he heard my cry for mercy. 2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. 3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. 4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

Ps. 119:48 I lift up my hands to your commands, **which I love**, and I meditate on your decrees.

Ps. 145:20 **The LORD watches over all who love him**, but all the wicked he will destroy.

Prov. 8:17 **I love those who love me**, and those who seek me find me.

Prov. 21:21 **He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.**

Matt. 5:44 But I tell you: **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you**,

Matt. 22:37 Jesus replied: "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**"

Matt. 22:39 And the second is like it: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**"

Mark 12:33 **To love him with all your heart**, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

John 13:35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, **if you love one another.**"

John 14:15 "**If you love me, you will obey what I command.**

John 14:21 **Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.** He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

John 14:23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

John 15:17 **This is my command: Love each other.**

John 21:17 The third time he said to him, "**Simon son of John, do you love me?**" Peter was

hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, **“Do you love me?”** He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, **because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.**

Romans 5:8 **But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

1Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. **But the greatest of these is love.**

1Corinthians 16:14 **Do everything in love.**

Galatians 5:22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**

Philippians 1:9 And this is my prayer: **that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,**

1Peter 4:8 Above all, **love each other deeply,** because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1John 4:12 No one has ever seen God; **but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

1John 4:20 If anyone says, **“I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar.** For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

## 11. Confession of sins

Psalms 32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, **“I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”**-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

James 5:16 **Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1John 1:9 **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Psalms 103:2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-- 3 **who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,**

Psalms 103:8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

Proverbs 28:13: “He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.”

Psalms 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 38:17 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. 18 **For I will declare**



**mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.**

Jeremiah 3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. 13 Only **acknowledge thine iniquity**, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: 15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

## 12. Forgiveness

Matthew 6:12 **Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Matthew 6:14 **For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

Matthew 18:21 **Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?** 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Matthew 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

## 13. Obedience

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

John 15:10 **If you obey my commands**, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:14 You are my friends **if you do what I command.**

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 **If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.** 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: 3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. 4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock — the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. 5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. 7 The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. 8 The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. 9 The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. 10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. 11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity — in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground — in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you. 12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work

of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. 13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

14 **Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left**, following other gods and serving them.

## 14. Thankfulness

Luke 17:12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 **He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him** --and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.**

Colossians 4:2 **Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**

Hebr. 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, **let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,**

## 15. Faith

Luke 17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

Hebrews 11:1 **Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.** 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 **By faith** we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:5 **By faith** Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 6 And **without faith it is impossible to please God**, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. 7 **By faith** Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. **By his faith** he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on **Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, **he should ask God**, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, **he must believe and not doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, **anyone who has faith in me** will do what I have been doing.

He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Matt. 8:10 When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, **“I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.** 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, **“Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.”** And his servant was healed at that very hour.

Matthew 9:1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. **When Jesus saw their faith,** he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

Matt. 9:20 Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. 21 She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.” 22 Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, **“your faith has healed you.”** And the woman was healed from that moment.

Matthew 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, **calling out,** “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” 28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, **“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”** **“Yes, Lord,” they replied.** 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, **“According to your faith will it be done to you”;**

Matthew 13:53 When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. 54 Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. 55 “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” 57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” 58 **And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.**

Matthew 17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. 16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” 17 **“O unbelieving and perverse generation,”** Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” 18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” 20 He replied, **“Because you have so little faith.** I tell you the truth, **if you have faith as small as a mustard seed,** you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. ”

1 John 5:15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

## 16. Persistence

Luke 18:1 **Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.** 2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ 4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about men, 5 yet because this widow keeps

bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!" 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Matthew 15:21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and **fell on his face, and prayed**, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again **the second time, and prayed**, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, **and prayed the third time**, saying the same words.

1Kings 18:42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, **Go again seven times**. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

## 17. Praying to Jesus

John 14:13 And **I will do whatever you ask in my name**, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may **ask me for anything in my name**, and I will do it.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit --fruit that will last. **Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name**.

John 16:23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, **my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name**. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **Ask and you will receive**, and your joy will be complete.

## 18. Ask with the right motives

James 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, **because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures**.

1John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: **that if we ask anything**

**according to his will, he hears us.** 15 And if we know that he hears us --whatever we ask -- we know that we have what we asked of him.

## 19. Corporate prayer

Matthew 18:19 “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

Acts 1:13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 **They all joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)

Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but **the church was earnestly praying to God for him.**

Acts 12:12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, **where many people had gathered and were praying.** 13 Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door.

## 20. Ask in Jesus' name.

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 **And I will do whatever you ask in my name**, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 **You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.**

## 21. The Holy Spirit will teach us how to pray

John 14:15 “If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 **And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--** 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

1John 2:24 See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us --even eternal life. 26 I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. **But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit --just as it has taught you, remain in him.**

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 20:22 “And now, **compelled by the Spirit**, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city **the Holy Spirit warns me that prison**

**and hardships are facing me.**

Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but **those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.** 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but **the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;**

1Corinthians 2:10 but **God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, **that we may understand what God has freely given us.** 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Galatians 6:8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who **sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.**

Ephesians 6:18 And **pray in the Spirit** on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

## 22. Feeding on and praying God's written Word

Psalms 119:11 **I have hidden your word in my heart** that I might not sin against you.

John 15:7 If you **remain in me and my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

2Timothy 3:16 **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,**

Hebrews 4:12 **For the word of God is living and active.** Sharper than any double-edged sword, it **penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit**, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

1John 2:14 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and **the word of God lives in you**, and you have overcome the evil one.

## 23. Bless — don't curse

Luke 6:27 "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 **bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.**

Romans 12:14 **Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.**

James 3:9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have

been made in God's likeness. 10 **Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.**

## 24. Remember to pray for others

1Tim. 2:1 I urge, then, **first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — 2 for kings and all those in authority**, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

## 25. Pray God's Word to Him.

2 Timothy. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Psalms 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Psalms 119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Psalms 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalms 119:86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Psalms 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

## Things that could hinder prayer:

Just as the word teaches there are things that help prayer, the word also teaches about things that can actually *hinder* prayer.

# 1. Doubt

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, **he should ask God**, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, **he must believe and not doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

Matthew 13:58 Now He did not do many works there because of their **unbelief**.

# 2. Pride

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: **God resists the proud**, but gives grace to the humble.<sup>7</sup> Therefore Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw close to God and He will draw close to you.

Ps. 10:4 **In his pride the wicked does not seek him**; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Ps. 40:4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Ps. 101:5 Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; **whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure**.

# 3. Praying to be seen by men

Matthew 6:5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray **standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men**. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

# 4. Unconfessed sin

1John 1:9 If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

2 Chronicles. 6:26 “When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and **confess your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them**, 27 then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.

2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and **will forgive their sin and will heal their land**

Psalms 66:18 If I had **cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened**;



Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and **your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

John 9:31 **We know that God does not listen to sinners.** He listens to the godly man who does his will.

Psalms 69:5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

## 5. Disobedience

1John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, **let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.** 19 This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence 20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 **and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.** 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

## 6. Unforgiveness

Matthew 6:12 **Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Matthew 6:14 **For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** 15 **But if you do not forgive men their sins,** your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, **“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?”** 22: Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:35 **“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”**

Luke 6:37 **“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.**

Colossians 3:13 **Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

## 7. Wrong motives

James 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, **because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**

1John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: **that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.** 15 And if we know that he hears us --whatever we ask -- we know that we have what we asked of him.

## 8. Bitterness and anger

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 **But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.** Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and **be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.**

Ephesians. 4:26 **"In your anger do not sin"** : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Ephesians. 4:31 **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger,** brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Col. 3:8 **But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.**

1Tim. 2:8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in **prayer, without anger or disputing.**

James 1:20 **for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.**

Acts 8:23 For I see that you are **full of bitterness and captive to sin."**

Ephesians 4:31 **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Deut. 29:18 Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is **no root among you that produces such bitter poison.**

Hebr. 12:15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no **bitter root** grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

James 3:14 But if you harbor **bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts,** do not boast about it or deny the truth. **This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.**

Rev. 8:11 the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and **many people died from the waters that had become bitter.**

Hebr. 12:15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that **no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.**

Luke 6: 27 "But I say to you who hear: **Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you**

## 9. Seek holiness and live in peace

Hebrews 12:14 **Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.** 15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

## 10. Busyness/Seeking the world

Psalms 16:4 **The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.** I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Matt. 13:22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but **the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.**

Mark 8:36 **What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?**

Luke 12:29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For **the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.** 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Eccl. 2:17 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Eccl. 5:10 **Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.**

## 11. Husbands must treat wives with respect

1Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, **so that nothing will hinder your prayers.**

## 12. Lack of time in God's Word

Ps. 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, **ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.**

## 13. Uncontrolled tongue

Prov. 10:19 **When words are many, sin is not absent**, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Ps. 39:1 I said, **“I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin;** I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence.”

Prov. 17:19 **He who loves a quarrel loves sin;** he who builds a high gate invites destruction.

Jer. 9:3 **“They make ready their tongue like a bow, to shoot lies;** it is not by truth that they triumph in the land. **They go from one sin to another;** they do not acknowledge me,” declares the LORD.

## 14. Lack of persistence

Luke 18:2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men.

3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ 4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about men, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually wear me out with her coming!’ ” 6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 **And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?**

## 15. We simply don’t ask

James 4:2 You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. **You do not have, because you do not ask God.**

Matthew 7:7 **“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 9** “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, **he should ask God**, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

## 16. Worry-anxiety

Matthew 6:25 “Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 **So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’** 32 For the pagans run after all these

things, and **your heavenly Father knows** that you need them.

Matthew 6:34 **Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.** Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Philippians 4:6 **Do not be anxious about anything,** but in everything, **by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,** present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which **transcends all understanding,** will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 12:22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life,** what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

## 17. We don't ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us

Psalms 119:124 Deal with your servant according to your love and **teach me your decrees.** 125 I am your servant; **give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.**

Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more **will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**”

Ephesians 6:18 **And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.** With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, **the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.** 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

## 18. We forget to ask in Jesus' name

John 16:24 Until now **you have not asked for anything in my name.** Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf.

## 19. We resist and do not listen to the Holy Spirit

Acts 7:51 “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: **You always resist the Holy Spirit!**”

Ephesians 4:30 **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,** with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Hebrews 3:7 **So, as the Holy Spirit says:** “Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden

your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, 9 where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. 10 That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

## A closer look at prayer

### What's needed

- Faith.....
- Humility.....
- Solitude.....
- Confession of sin(s).....
- Repentance.....
- Love.....
- Forgiveness.....
- Praise.....
- Seeking God's will.....
- Right motives.....
- Ask/seek/knock.....
- Obedience.....
- Be still .....
- Waiting on God.....
- Persistence.....
- Thankfulness.....
- Feeding on God's Word.....
- Praying to Jesus.....
- Ask in Jesus' name.....
- Holy Spirit to teach us.....
- Praying blessings.....

#### OTHER

- Corporate prayer
- Prayer for others

### What hinders prayer

- Doubt
- Worry — anxiety
- Pride
- Praying to be seen by men
- Unconfessed sin

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- Bitterness, anger and hate
- Unforgiveness
- Not acknowledging God
- Self-seeking. Not seeking His holiness
- Asking with wrong motives
- Not asking— not seeking
- Disobedience
- Busyness
- Busyness
- Lack of persistence. No patience
- Unthankful heart
- Lack of time in God's Word
- We forget who to ask. Pray to wrong god
- We forget to ask in Jesus' name
- We don't ask the Holy Spirit to guide us
- Cursing others

#### OTHER

- Uncontrolled tongue
- Bad relationship with wife

## **Paper handed out at *Moms and More* class**

### **Prayer is where we fall in love.**

*Psalm 116:1 I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications. 2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.*

### **Wives. Husbands. Children.**

#### **Wives are a precious jewel given to their husband from God.**

Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 19:14 House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Proverbs 31:10 An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.

#### **Older women to teach younger women.**

Titus 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, 4 that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

#### **Moms to teach children.**

Proverbs 6:20 My son, observe the commandment of your father, And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

#### **Parents to teach children**

Deuteronomy 6:6 “And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; 7 and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 “And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 “And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

#### **Moms bring children to Jesus for prayer and healing.**

Matt. 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region, and began to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.” 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples



came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, “Send her away, for she is shouting out after us.” 24 But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, **“Lord, help me!”** 26 And He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 But she said, “Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; be it done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed at once.

- **Go to Jesus with your needs**
- **Cry out**
- **Be persistent**
- **Have faith in Jesus**

### **David ( a parent) prays for his son Solomon to have discretion and understanding.**

1 Chronicles 22:11 “Now, my son, the LORD be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the LORD your God just as He has spoken concerning you. 12 “Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. 13 “Then you shall prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed.

### **Winning husbands to the Lord through gentle submission.**

1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

1 Peter 3:5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

### **Husbands to live with their wives in an understanding way so their prayers will not be hindered.**

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

## **Prayer Promises.**

John 2:3 And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

- **Tell Jesus the situation. Don’t tell Him how to fix it.**

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

- **Asking for the good things requires we know Him.**

John 14:13 “And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 “If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

John 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8 “By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

John 16:23 “And in that day you will ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name.

John 16:24 “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

## **Praying God's Word**

I believe it is God's desire that you will continue to draw closer and closer to God everyday. Remember to seek Him alone in your quiet place or prayer closet daily.

Listed below are some wonderful things God has shown us through His word, that we can ask Him for. Praying God's word is exciting — because scripture has been inspired by God Himself.

Remember He is just waiting for you to seek Him. To knock. To ask Him. He is our wonderful Father in heaven. Waiting to give good gifts to His children. Ask.

- **Ask.**

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

1 John 5:15 And if we know that he hears us --whatever we ask --we know that we have what we asked of him.

- **You do not have faith, or is your faith weak? Ask Jesus for faith.**

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

Mark 9:24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and began saying, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

Mark 4:38 And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. 40 And He said to them, "Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith?" 41 And they became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

Matthew 9:27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" 28 And after He had come into the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "Be it done to you according to your faith."

- **Ask Him to make His word your desire. Your delight.**

Psalm 119:35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

- **Ask Him for to give you understanding of His written word.**

Psalm 119:18-19 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. 19 I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

Psalm 119:34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

Psalm 119:144 Your statutes are forever right; give me understanding that I may live.

- **Ask Him to teach you.**

Psalm 119:66 Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands.

Psalm 119:124 Deal with your servant according to your love and teach me your decrees.

Psalm 119:135 Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees.

- **Ask Him to keep you from deceitful ways.**

Psalm 119:29 Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.

- **Ask God to teach you to follow His laws.**

Psalm 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

- **Ask Him to turn your heart to his laws and away from selfish gain.**

Psalm 119:36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

- **Ask Him to turn your eyes from worthless things.**

Psalm 119:37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

- **Ask Him to send you His unfailing love and His salvation.**

Psalm 119:41 May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;

Psalm 119:76 May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.

- **Ask Him to send His compassion to you.**

Psalm 119:77 Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

- **Ask Him to insure your well being.**

Psalm 119:122 Ensure your servant's well-being; let not the arrogant oppress me.

- **Ask Him to preserve your life.**

Psalm 119:149 Hear my voice in accordance with your love; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your laws.

Psalm 119:154 Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise.

Psalm 119:175 Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

- **Ask Him for Kingdom things — His kingdom to come — His will to be done on earth.**

Matthew 6:9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- **Ask Him for daily provision.**

Matthew 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

- **Ask Him for forgiveness.**

Matthew 6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

- **Ask Him not to lead you not into temptation — for protection from the evil one.**

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

- **Ask Him for wisdom.**

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

- **Ask Him to give you more faith.**

Matthew 21:22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

- **Ask Him to send workers out into the field.**

Matt. 9:38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

- **Ask Him to give you a heart to "ask" for all things in prayer.**

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

John 11:22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.

John 14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.

John 14:14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 16:23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

John 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

James 4:2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

1 John 5:15 And if we know that he hears us --whatever we ask --we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

- **Ask Him to give you the right motives when you pray.**

James 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

**Books to consider:**

Prayer that Avail Much – by Germaine Copeland

Prayer by O. Hallsby

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