POWERFUL PRAYER PRINCIPLES

Taken from: "The Lord's Prayer"


1. PRAISE. (verse #9) "Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name."

We are to begin and end our prayers with praise. Jesus specifically is teaching here, by this model prayer, to address the beginning of our prayers to the Father. We begin our prayers talking to our heavenly Father. We can go directly to God because of Jesus atoning sacrifice for us.

Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Here's some verses that mention Jesus seated on the right hand of the Father.

Jesus is (even now) making intercession for us according to Romans 8:27.
Romans 8:34, states it so clear - "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

So, the point is. because of Jesus, we can now go directly to God the Father's throne. Enjoy calling God, "Father". Jesus paid a great price for our sin's to be forgiven, for us to have an eternal home, and to come boldly to the Father's throne of grace. No more animal sacrifices! Amen!

Matthew 27:51 explains how "the veil of the temple was rent in twain (or two), from the top to the bottom..." No need to go to the great high priest anymore. Jesus is our Great High Priest.

"Hallowed be Thy Name." God the Father's Name is holy. Acknowledge Him by giving Him the thanks and praise He greatly deserves.

2. PURPOSE. (verse #10) "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."
“Thy kingdom come” is not talking about God’s literal heavenly kingdom as the location that would be on earth now, but rather in the sense that the “kingdom of God is within you.” Luke 17:20.

This kingdom of God is the rule and reign of Jesus within our hearts after we’ve become born again.

Romans 14:17 says “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

I Corinthians 4:20 - "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power."

“Thy will be done.” When you have no will of your own, you cannot miss the perfect will of God for your life.

Remember, Romans 12: 1 & 2.

"On earth, as it is in heaven.” Is there poverty, sickness or hate in heaven? No. God’s will for us is no lack, no sickness, and walking in His love toward others. We can experience some of heaven’s benefits right here and now on this earth. In heaven, there won’t be spiritual warfare trying to block our blessings (See: Daniel 10: 12 & 13), cause satan won’t be up there! Alleluia!

3. PROVISION. (verse #11) “Give us this day our daily bread.” God desires us to have His best. He not only meets our needs, according to Philippians 4:19 -“My God shall supply all your needs, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”, but God always wants to give you your heart’s desires. Psalms 21:2 - ‘Thou hast given him his heart’s desire and hast not withheld the request of his lips.”

Psalms 37:4 - “Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” God is a God of PROVISION. See: Matthew 6:33.

4. PARDON. (verse #12) “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”
We are talking about offenses here. God will forgive us only if we forgive others.

Matthew 6:14 & 15.

These verses clearly teach us how important it is to forgive others no matter what they have done to us intentionally or unintentionally.

We don’t forgive by feelings, we forgive by faith. As we pray and remember the model prayer to pray, don’t overlook the important factor of walking in forgiveness.

Let me repeat, God wants to forgive our sins and will, as long as we walk in that same forgiveness to others.

See: Psalms 103:12; Micah 7:19; Isaiah 44:22; Isaiah 43:25; I John 1:9.

All of these verses confirm that if we repent and ask for our sins to be forgiven, He will forgive with the same love and forgiveness we bestow to those who have wronged us.

5. PETITION. (verse #13 a) “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...”

This is a poor translation here! God never tempts us or leads us to do evil.

James 1: 13 & 14.

God will make a way of escape.

I Corinthians 10:13.

God most surely can deliver us from the evil one and any temptation we may face. We have our own will in the matter, though. We have to want to resist and use our faith to do so.

James 4:7 - “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Ephesians 6:16.

When we make petition, it can be 2-fold.
1) Requests for others. (Phil. 4:6; James 5:16)

2) Requests for ourselves.

Our prayers matter and are weighty if they are prayed in faith.

6. PROCLAMATION.
Matthew 6:13b - "...for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

This last part of the Lord’s prayer is declaring a statement of faith and proclamation. "Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

It's not satan's kingdom that's the most powerful - it's God's!

Satan's kingdom isn't forever. It's God's.
It's not satan's kingdom that receive's the glory. It's God's.

That's what irritates the devil, too!
Remember he (satan) wanted to be like the most high God. Isaiah 14: 12-15.

Tell God (even now), that He is Almighty, all powerful, all knowing, has all greatness, all glory and has an all eternal kingdom called heaven (or paradise), that will be beyond our present human comprehension.

Praise Him for what He has done. Thank Him for what He is going to do. Worship Him for who He is!

1 Peter 5:11.

Jude #25.

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