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## 1. PRAISE GOD

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*"This, then, is how you should pray, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,'"*  
Matthew 6:9

- a) Through **OUR OWN WORDS**.

Worship, praise, extol, honor, glorify, revere.

- b) Through God's **NAMES**.

**The Names of God:**

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|---------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Jehovah | Shammah   | God is present           | Ezekiel 48:35  |
| Jehovah | Rahi      | God is my Shepherd       | Psalms 23:1    |
| Jehovah | Jireh     | God is my Provider       | Genesis 22:14  |
| Jehovah | Raphe     | God is my Healer         | Exodus 15:26   |
| Jehovah | Tsidkenu  | God is my Righteousness  | Jeremiah 23:6  |
| Jehovah | M'Kiddish | God is my Sanctification | Leviticus 20:8 |
| Jehovah | Shalom    | God is my Peace          | Judges 6:24    |
| Jehovah | Nissi     | God is my Banner         | Exodus 17:15   |

- c) Through **SCRIPTURE**.

*Psalms 103, 104, 111, 113, 145, 150; Psalm 1:46-55, 67-79, Phil. 2:5-11;  
Revelation 4:6-11; 5:9-14*

- d) Through **MUSIC**.

*"Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet; praise him with the harp and lyre."*  
Psalm 150:3

- e) Through **THANKSGIVING**.

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him  
and praise his name." Psalm 100:4*

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## 2. SEEK GOD'S PURPOSE

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

- a) Pray for the **LORDSHIP** of Christ.

*"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord."* I Peter 3:15a

- b) Pray for your **SPOUSE**.

*"And to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."* Ephesians 5:27

- c) Pray for your **CHILDREN**.

*"I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.' And he worshipped the Lord there."* 1 Samuel 1:27-28

- d) Pray for your **CHURCH**.

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, keep on praying for all the saints."* Ephesians 6:18

- e) Pray for your **VOCATION**.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."* Colossians 3:23

- f) Pray for **NATION, WORLD**.

*"...for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* 1 Timothy 2:2

- g) Pray for the **HARVEST**.

*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* Matthew 9:37-38

**Prayers for People:** Ephesians 1:15-19, Colossians 1:3-12, I Thessalonians 1:2-3, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

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### 3. PRAY FOR PROVISION

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*"Give us today our daily bread."* Matthew 6:11

- a) God loves to **GIVE**.

*"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!"* Matthew 7:11

- b) God **PROMISES** to provide every need.

*"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times; having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."*  
2 Corinthians 9:8

- c) **PERSEVERE**

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* Matthew 7:7

*"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."* Luke 18:1

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### 4. PRAY FOR PERSONAL FORGIVENESS

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*"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."* Matthew 6:12

- a) Claim God's **ONCE- AND- FOR -ALL** forgiveness.

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."* 1 Peter 2:24

- b) Agree with the Holy Spirit about **DISOBEDIENCE**

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

- c) Forgive others by **FAITH**.

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

- d) Make **RESTITUTION** when necessary.

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.”*

Matthew 5:23-24

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## 5. PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL PROTECTION

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

### Put on the spiritual armor:

- a) Belt of truth - **INTEGRITY**.
- b) Breastplate of righteousness.
- 1) Justification - **CREDITED** with Jesus’ righteousness.
- 2) Sanctification - **DAILY** growth.
- c) Feet with gospel of peace – personal **WITNESS**.

*“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”* 1 Peter 3:15

- d) Shield of faith.
- e) Helmet of salvation.
- f) Sword of Spirit (**WORD** of **GOD**)

*“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.”* Hebrews 4:12

- g) Pray without ceasing.

*“Pray continually;”* 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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## 6. RETURN TO PRAISE

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### Questions to ask in the interim:

1) Is my **SIN** hindering the prayer process?

*“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”* Isaiah 59:2

2) Am I praying **GOD’S WILL**?

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

3) What is God’s **TIMING**?

*“Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.”*  
John 11:6

4) Is God answering in a **DIFFERENT** way?

*“So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.”* Mark 2:2

*“Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”* 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

5) What is God doing in **ME**?

*“...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”*  
Philippians 2:13

6) Is God inviting me to **JOIN HIM**?

*“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.’”* Exodus 14:15-16

7) Are my **RELATIONSHIPS** right?

*“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.”* 1 Peter 3:7

8) Am I praying in **FAITH**?

*“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. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.”*  
James 1:6-8