

EMBERS TO FLAME GOD'S PATTERN FOR PRAYER

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is not to be a legalistic, boring ritual, but a looking forward to encounter with the One who loves you and desires to fellowship with you.

Prayer is learned at the feet of Jesus by doing it!

Prayer takes discipline similar to any other kind of fruit-producing activity, such as training to participate in a sporting event. This involves time, a practice schedule, review and evaluation, variety, accountability, goals, and a reward program.

Prayer has been relegated to “never-land” by many due to the devil’s selling us a “bill of goods”. He tells lies like. . . *‘It’s boring’*; ... *‘You never see results’*; *‘Prayer meetings are monotonous’*; *‘It’s only for the spiritual . . .*, and clichés like . . . *‘Prayer doesn’t change anything, it just changes you’*

Prayer requires overcoming

Prayer can be more effective when you . . .

- Journal
- Make a prayer notebook
- Read books and stories of ordinary people who prayed
- Learn to listen to the Holy Spirit
- Pray with others
- Spend time in the Word (Heb. 4:12)
- Pray fervently (James 5:16; Lk. 11:5-10; Is. 64:7)

- Use the pattern Jesus taught His disciples (Lk. 11:1)

Prayer Guide

I. PROMISES *Our Father which art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name.*

- A. Picture Calvary and thank God you can call Him Father by virtue of the blood of Jesus.
- B. Hallow the names of God and make your faith declarations.

<u>NAME OF GOD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Jehovah-tsidkenu	The Lord My Righteousness
Jehovah-m'kaddesh	The Lord Who Sanctifies
Jehovah-shalom	The Lord Is Peace
Jehovah-shammah	The Lord Is There
Jehovah-rophé (rapha)	The Lord Who Heals
Jehovah-jireh	The Lord's Provision Shall Be Seen
Jehovah-nissi	The Lord My Banner
Jehovah-rohi	The Lord My Shepherd

II. PRIORITIES *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done.*

- A. Yourself
- B. Your family (mate, children, other family members)
- C. Your church (pastor, leadership, congregation, etc.)
- D. Nation (city, state, national political leaders; a specific nation)

III. PROVISION *Give us this day our daily bread.*

- A. Be in the will of God (personal life, prayer life, church, work habits, obedience in giving...)
- B. Believe that God has the best in mind for you.
- C. Be specific.
- D. Be tenacious.

IV. PEOPLE *And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

- A. Ask God to forgive you.
- B. Forgive and release others.
- C. Set your will to forgive those who sin against you.

V. POWER *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

- A. Put on the whole armor of God, the Lord Jesus.

1. Loins girt about with the belt of truth
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Feet shod with the preparation (readiness) of the gospel of peace
4. Shield of faith
5. Helmet of salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

B. Pray a hedge of protection. (The Lord is your refuge, your fortress, your God; in Him will you trust.)

VI. PRAISE *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.*

- A. Make your faith declarations.
- B. Return to praise.

PATTERN FOR PRAYER

OUR FATHER, WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

A. What's in a name

B. Abba Father

1. Go into your closet and shut the door. Matthew 6:6 (The secret place)
2. Approach the throne of grace.
 - *“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16
 - *“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.”* I Peter 1:13

- a. He welcomes you.
 - *“God loves you not because you are clever, not because you are good, but because He is your Father. He loves all of His children — the clumsiest, the dullest, the worst. It means that you are bound to Him by the closest and tenderest relationship.”*

—Andrew Murray

- b. Present yourself to Him.

- c. Sing to Him.
 - *“I sing the doxology and dismiss the devil. I truly believe that Satan cannot endure it and so slips out of the room.”* Amy Carmichael

C. Covenant Names of God

Jehovah-tsidkenu	Jehovah our Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:5-6
Jehovah-m’kaddesh	Jehovah who Sanctifies	Leviticus 20:7-8
Jehovah-shalom	Jehovah is Peace	Judges 6:24
Jehovah-shammah	Jehovah is There	Ezekiel 48:35
Jehovah-rophe (rapha)	Jehovah Heals	Exodus 15:26
Jehovah-jireh	God’s Provision Shall Be Seen	Genesis 22:14
Jehovah-rohi	Jehovah My Shepherd	Psalms 23:1
Jehovah-nissi	Jehovah My Banner	Exodus 17:15

THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

NOTE:

The Kingdom of God is wherever the rule and reign of God is being carried on.

Principal of Prayer: God moves in accordance with His will and reserves in His will that which He wants to do through the prayers of His people. He waits for men to pray. However, it is a great mistake to think that man initiates what he wants God to do. Prayer, then, is pursuing God’s will by engaging with his Spirit and then praying in His name. When prayer in His name reaches a saturation point determined by God, His will is done.

When God says ‘No’ or ‘Wait’, we must check for obstacles, recognize the enemy may be resisting, or that God may be training you in persistence or endurance. Other times when we cannot understand His mind, we must trust His love.

*Love divine has seen and counted every tear it caused to fall,
and the storm which love appointed was the choicest gift of all.*

A. Yourself

B. Your family (mate, children, other family members)

C. Your church (pastor, leadership, congregation, music...)

D. Nation (city, state and national political and spiritual leaders; harvest...)

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

NOTE:

It's a rule of the kingdom that can never be altered in anybody's case. If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking that He may have, you and I cannot expect to have the rule relaxed in our favor.

Spurgeon

A. The Law of Daily Manna

- True in the natural, true in the spiritual
- Learn to gather your own manna

B. Request for daily needs

- **Believe that God has the best in mind for you.** *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11
- **Be specific**
- **Be tenacious**

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

NOTE:

Sin is missing God's mark of perfection. It is *'doing my own thing'*. Sin has devastating effects. Sin, like a tree, bears fruit.

A. Forgive and release others.

- Matthew 18:23-35

PRAYER:

I forgive _____ (name) for _____ (*what they did to you*). It made me feel _____.

I release _____ to You and my right to seek revenge. I give You, Jesus, my damaged emotions and ask You to come and heal me.

I now bless _____ (name) (can use Ps. 51)

Set your will to forgive those who sin against you

B. Ask God to forgive you

Sin:

Will keep you longer than you ever thought you'd stay

Will cost you more than you ever thought you'd pay

Will take you further than you ever thought you'd go

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE

NOTE: WE HAVE AN ENEMY WE ARE TO RESIST. FAILURE TO RESIST WILL COST YOU.

PRAYER RESISTANCE CONSISTS OF:

1. Knowing your authority
2. Knowing the power in the Name of Jesus, in the blood, and of the Holy Spirit
3. Praying on the armor

A. Put on the whole armor of God.

- *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is*

not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 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.” Ephesians 6:10-18

1. Loins girded with **TRUTH**

- a. Our defense against _____ .
- b. Do this:

2. **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- a. Our defense against _____ .
- b. Keep your _____ .

3. Feet shod with the **GOSPEL OF PEACE**

- a. Our defense against _____ , _____
_____ .
- b. Peace is _____ that in Christ I have

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

4. **SHIELD OF FAITH**

- a. Our defense against _____ the flaming _____ of the evil one.
- b. We must _____ to accept the devil's suggestion and _____ to believe God and His _____.

5. HELMET OF SALVATION

- a. Our defense against _____, _____, and _____.
- b. We must _____ all the benefits of salvation.
 - *“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.” II Corinthians 9:8*

6. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT which is the Word of God

- a. Our _____ weapon to put the _____ to _____!
- b. The Word is most effective when spoken _____ in a battle situation!

7. PRAY AT ALL TIMES

B. Build a hedge of protection.

- *“If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.” Psalm 91:9-14*

C. ***“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.”*** I Cor.16:13

1. *Courageous* = Don’t flinch in the fight; maintain your ground at all costs; resist; press forward; strike deadly blows.
2. *Strong* = Keep fit; learn how to conquer; die in the contest or win.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOR EVER

A. **The kingdom**

You have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness, into the kingdom of light.

- *“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves....”* Colossians 1:13

B. **The power**

- We are participants in His power.
- *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* Acts 1:8

C. **The glory**

- We have beheld His glory — the character and ways of God exhibited through Christ.
- *“I have given them the glory that you gave me...”* John 17:22a

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