

OUR FATHER- "The Power of Prayer" Matthew 6:9-13
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{Matthew 6:9-13} 9 Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory, forever. AMEN!

What Prayer Isn't:

- Genie in the bottle
- Drive Through
- Emergency Services -911
- Judge Judy

What Prayer Is:

{James 5:16 NIV} 16 ...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

It's Powerful and Effective Emotionally

{James 5:13 NLT} ¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises.

- When life gets hard: Pray
- When life is easy: Praise

It's Powerful and Effective Physically

{James 5:14-15 NLT} ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well.

Three kinds of sickness

- sickness for death
- sickness for discipline
- sickness for the glory of God

{John 11:4 TLB} But when Jesus heard about it he said, "The purpose of his (Lazarus) illness is not death, but for the glory of God. I, the Son of God, will receive glory from this situation."

It's Powerful and Effective Spiritually

{James 5:15-16 NLT} ... And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

- Private Sin - between me and the Lord
- Public Sin - between you and the church
- Personal Sin - between me and you

Who Can Pray?

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Prayer is for ordinary people

{James 5:17 NIV} *Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.*

Through Prayer Ordinary people can do Extraordinary things

Prayer is for those with the right motive

{James 4:3 NLT} *3 And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong you want only what will give you pleasure.*

Prayer is for those with a clean life

{Psa 66:18 NLT} *18 If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, my Lord would not have listened.*

{1 John 3:21-22} *21 Dear friends, if our conscience is clear, we can come to God with bold confidence. 22 And we will receive whatever we request because we obey him and do the things that please him.*

Prayer is for those who ask in faith, expecting an answer

{James 1:6 NLT} *6 But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

How to Pray with Power

- Keep Priorities Straight** *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*
- Keep Purpose in Mind** *Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
- Keep Persisting** *Give us today our daily bread.*
- Keep Perspective** *And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
- Keep out of the Pit** *keep us from temptation and deliver us from the evil one*
- Keep God's Power Real** *Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory, forever. AMEN!*