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Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-15 NKJV

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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Elijah Prays

1 Kings 18:36-39 NKJV

And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!”

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Jesus--Man of Prayer

Luke 6:12 NKJV

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

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Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Luke 11:1-2 NKJV

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

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The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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The Framework of Prayer

This simple prayer is not a magic potion, but rather the framework around which our prayers can be built—like the superstructure of a skyscraper that holds everything else in place. SIX MAJOR sections to the prayer: 1. Approaching our Father 2. Advancing His kingdom 3. Presenting our personal needs 4. Repenting of sin / requesting forgiveness 5. Requesting deliverance 6. Acknowledging God's kingdom and reign INITIAL INSIGHTS Prayer is an individualized, personal dialogue with the Monarch of the Universe. The Roman gods were markedly different from the God of heaven. Even the way the Jews addressed God was dramatically different from the way Jesus prayed. To this day, there is no religion in the world that worships a god that is anything like the God of Scripture.

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Our Father

Matthew 6:9 NKJV

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

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1. Approaching Our Father

"Our Father". . . implies a personal, caring God who showers mercy on all humankind. Simply uttering these two words reminds us that we are part of the brotherhood of humankind—the vast, interconnected web of humanity." . . . in Heaven "We acknowledge where He is, and the scope of His authority. Similar to Daniel's statement: "There is a God in heaven." My Father is bigger than the challenges that confront me. He is God all mighty—in heaven—yet He is MY Father—Father to this little, insignificant earthling. I matter to Him. The people in my world matter to Him. "HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME" Thayer Greek Lexicon on 'hallowed': "to render or acknowledge to be venerable" When we call the name of the Lord holy, set apart, venerable; when we take that holy name on our lips—are we carrying it with sacred care? In praying this prayer, we are asking God to make our lives, lives in which His name is honored and enshrined.

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Hezekiah Addresses God

2 Kings 19:14-15 NKJV

And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: "O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

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Solomon Addresses God

2 Chronicles 6:14-15 NKJV

and he said: "Lord God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day.

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David Addresses God

Psalms 51:1 NKJV

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

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Daniel Addresses God

Daniel 9:4 NKJV

And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

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Disciples Address God

Acts 4:24 NKJV

So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

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Our God Is . . .

As demonstrated in each of the above prayers, our Heavenly Father is a God who honors His Word; a God with everlasting love, and unchanging mercy; a God who hears and answers; a God unlike the gods of any nation or people.

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Your Kingdom Come

Matthew 6:10 NKJV

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

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2. Advancing His Kingdom

We acknowledge that His kingdom is not here now so we pray that it may advance. We must always keep our interests centered on the advancing of the Kingdom of Heaven. Establish Your kingdom in my life . . . in my world . . . through me. Use me. In Daniel 9, he demonstrates this kind of prayer, asking God to advance His kingdom on earth while acknowledging his sin and the sin of his people.

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Daniel Prayers for Kingdom Advance

Daniel 9:16-19 NKJV

“O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

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Give Us Our Daily Bread

Matthew 6:11 NKJV

Give us this day our daily bread.

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3. Presenting Our Personal Needs

We acknowledge God as the source of ALL we have. We acknowledge our dependence. We acknowledge that our personal needs matter to Him. Notice, too, this is a plural request. We do not ask for ourselves alone. We bring to our Heavenly Father, not only our own needs, but the needs of those around us. We intercede on other’s behalf.

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Seek First the Kingdom

Matthew 6:30-33 NKJV

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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Asking to Give

Luke 11:5-9 NKJV

And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

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Forgive Us Our Debts

Matthew 6:12 NKJV

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

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Ezra Repents

Ezra 9:6-10 NKJV

And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens. Since the days of our fathers to this day we have been very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as it is this day. And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage. For we were slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments,

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David Repents

Psalms 51:1-4 NKJV

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight — That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

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Daniel Repents

Daniel 9:10-11 NKJV

We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

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4. Repenting / Asking Forgiveness, pt 1

Repentance is specific. It acknowledges God's rightness and my wickedness. It asks for mercy and cries out for transformation, not merely pardon. It requests righteousness in exchange for our sin. Personal repentance can also be prayed on behalf of the corporate body of the church, as Daniel and Ezra did.

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Jesus Expounds on Forgiveness

Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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A Parable of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35 NKJV

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. "So My

heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

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4. Repenting / Asking for Forgiveness, pt 2

Only as we forgive others are we able to experience the forgiveness of God toward us. What serious words these are. How often would I really wish to be forgiven as I forgive. Jesus desires us, in asking for our own forgiveness, to consider how we are extending mercy to those who have wronged us. When I request forgiveness in this way, I always come away seeking to be exceedingly liberal in my forgiveness because that's the kind of forgiveness I wish to receive.

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Do Not Lead Us Into Temptation

Matthew 6:13 NKJV

And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Jesus Sets the Example

John 17:9-17 NKJV

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

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5. Requesting Deliverance

Am I willing this day to follow the path that I am requesting to be lead in? This is a request that God would keep us by His truth, from the evil one. It is not simply a request for protection, but an agreement to walk in the light of truth shining across our path. We can know truth—but we cannot keep ourselves in it . . . so it is we pray that HE WILL KEEP OUR FEET IN THE PATH AND WE AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH HIS WORK.

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Yours Is the Kingdom

Matthew 6:13 NKJV

And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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6. Acknowledging God's Kingdom and Reign

In once again acknowledging God's kingdom and reign, we turn our minds off of our own needs, back to the One who has all power at His disposal. We acknowledge His power and authority in our lives and world. We acknowledge our dependence on His power for the fulfilling of our own requests. We place ourselves, again, in line with His work and mission.

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Notice Hezekiah's Conclusion

2 Kings 19:19 NKJV

Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone.”

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Notice the Ending of Daniel's Prayer

Daniel 9:15-19 NKJV

And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly! “O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray,

let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

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So . . . Praying Like Jesus . . .

Means that we: Come to God as our caring Heavenly Father so that He may advance His kingdom IN us and THROUGH us. Then we present our own, personal needs—knowing full well that they matter to Him. Along with our needs, we seek for His pardon. Having obtained the assurance of His pardon we seek His power to live a new life, acknowledging His kingdom and reign in our lives. Amen.

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