

Learning To Pray - 3

*"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."* Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV

Jesus taught His disciples this pattern of prayer:

- 1. Worship**
- 2. Declaration**
3. Provision
4. Forgiveness
5. Protection
6. Thanksgiving

II. THE SECOND PRAYER TOPIC: **DECLARATION**

WE ARE TAUGHT TO LOOK IN 4 DIRECTIONS:

- **WITHIN**
- **UP**
- **DOWN**
- **AROUND**

1. WE LOOK **WITHIN** "God, establish Your will in my life."

"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 10:37-39 NIV

"He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.'" Luke 22:41-42 NIV

"An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." Luke 22:43-44 NIV

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." 1 John 5:14-15 NKJV

2. WE LOOK **UP** "God, establish Your will in those with authority."

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV

YOUR CITY:

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7 NIV

YOUR PASTORS:

"Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably." Hebrews 13:18 NKJV

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17 NIV

"Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them." Hebrews 13:9 NIV

3. WE LOOK **DOWN** "God, establish Your will in the people that are in my care."

YOUR CHILDREN AND FAMILY:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'-which is the first commandment with a promise— 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.' Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4 NIV

"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel." Judges 2:10 NKJV

"One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4 NKJV

4. WE LOOK **AROUND** "God, establish Your will in the people I know."

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32 NIV

What do we pray? (Ephesians 1:15-19, John 17:1-26)

"For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:14-19 NIV