

Learning To Pray - 7

*"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. PRAISE**

IV. THE SIXTH PRAYER TOPIC: PRAISE

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all." 1 Chronicles 29:11 ESV

"And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!'" Revelation 5:13 ESV

Our praise focuses in 3 directions:

1. WHEN I LOOK BACK, I'M GRATEFUL.

"And he said, "'Please, show me Your glory.'" Exodus 33:18 NKJV

"And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Exodus 33:21-23 NKJV

2. WHEN I LOOK AT THE PRESENT, I'M THANKFUL.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Psalms 100:4 ESV

3. WHEN I LOOK AT THE FUTURE, I'M HOPEFUL.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

"But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more."

Psalms 71:14 NKJV

PRAISE IS POWERFUL & TRANSFORMATIVE.

"Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel." Psalms 22:3 ESV

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,." Acts 16:25 ESV

'And Jesus said to them, 'Yes. Have you never read, 'out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?'" Matthew 21:16 NKJV

"Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger." Psalm 8:2 NKJV