

Prayers of Scripture
Praying with Spiritual Priorities

The Example of Christ

Luke 11 - Christ teaches us to pray with spiritual priorities

1. Communion with the Father

“We should find it difficult to get past this opening address – Father. We should linger there. We should rejoice in it. We should stand in awe of God’s gracious condescension. We have the privilege of bringing our needs and wants and sins and hurts and fears directly to God in prayer. Not a priest or a patron saint or guardian angel. God. And we do not have to approach God like some desperate beggar asking a rich stranger for a big favor. We can go to God as little children going to a caring father.”¹

2. Preeminence of God’s Glory

“There is something here that strikes us at once. While we ordinarily first bring our own needs to God in prayer, and then think of what belongs to God and His interests, the Master reverses the order. First, Thy name, Thy kingdom, Thy will; then, give us, forgive us, lead us, deliver us. The lesson is of more importance than we think. In true worship the Father must be first, must be all. The sooner I learn to forget myself in the desire that He may be glorified, the richer will the blessing be that prayer will bring to myself.”²

3. Advance of God’s Lordship

4. Dependence on God’s Provision

5. Forgiveness of Our Sins

6. Protection from Spiritual Danger

¹ H. B. Jr Charles, *It Happens after Prayer: Biblical Motivation for Believing Prayer* (Moody Publishers, 2013).,

² Lord, Teach Us To Pray by Andrew Murray

The Example of Paul

Ephesians 1:15-23

Colossians 1:9-12

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24