## THE LORD'S PRAYER

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord,

teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1)

"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. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."

(Matthew 6:9-13)

### 1. CONNECT WITH GOD RELATIONALLY

"Our Father in heaven..."

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15)

God loves for us to call Him our Father. Establish your intimate relationship with Him and thank Him for the relationship you have with Him.

## 2. WORSHIP HIS NAME

"...Hallowed be Your Name..."

God's name is a place of protection—the righteous can run there and be safe (Proverbs 18:10)

What are His Names?

Righteousness – He makes me clean Sanctifier – He has called me and set me apart Healer – He heals all my diseases Banner of Victory – He has defeated my enemy Shepherd – He speaks to me and leads me Peace – He is my peace in every storm Provider – He supplies all of my needs

#### 3. PRAY HIS AGENDA FIRST

"...Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."

He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. (Luke 12:31)

God's priorities:

Saving the Lost

Guiding those in authority – parental, spiritual, governmental, workplace His will in us

## 4. DEPEND ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING

"...Give us this day our daily bread..."

I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! (Psalm 121:1-2)

Ask God for what you want and need and then trust Him for the answer.

## 5. GET YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

"...Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Ask God to check your heart and motives.

Receive His forgiveness for any area that He brings to mind.

Forgive anyone who has offended you in any way. You can even forgive people in advance.

# 6. ENGAGE IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"...And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one..."

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)

Take your stand against the enemy and fight the good fight of faith. Every lie that the enemy has told you should be replaced with the truth of God's Word.

## 7. EXPRESS FAITH IN GOD'S ABILITY

"...For yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever."

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. (Jeremiah 32:17)

End your prayer time by reminding yourself of God's ability. Return to praise and make your faith declarations.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Yours is the Kingdom" - all rule belongs to You

<sup>&</sup>quot;Yours is the Power" – all mightiness comes from You

<sup>&</sup>quot;Yours is the Glory" - Your victory shall be complete