

Pray Then In This Way

Tonight we will be looking at prayer by examining the Lord's Prayer within the context of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Knowing the context of Scripture is key to praying with authority and also being able to stand confidently in the moments when others misuse the Word of God in ignorance. Context is key to accurate interpretation and bold application. My hope is that when you leave here after this time of retreat and return home as women of God in your home, church, and community you will return stronger and more confident in your prayer life and in your everyday walk with the Lord.

We can see the LORD's PRAYER in Matthew 6:9-13 as an outline for prayer.

Begin with worship...

*Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.*

Remember to whom is your allegiance...

Your kingdom come.

Be willing to submit your will...

*Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.*

Remember who is your provider and come with your petition...

Give us this day our daily bread.

Remember personal confession and forgiving others...

*And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

Remember who is your guide and deliverer...

*And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Always end with worship...

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

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We can also see the Lord's Prayer as an outline in which to fit what Jesus teaches us through the "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5:1-7:29

Our Father who is in heaven,
([Matthew 5:3-20](#))

Hallowed be Your name.
([Matthew 5:33-37](#))

Your kingdom come.
([Matthew 6:19-24](#))

Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
([Matthew 5:48-6:8, 6:16-18](#))

Give us this day our daily bread.
([Matthew 6:24-34, 7:7-11](#))

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
([Matthew 5:21-26, 38-47, 6:14-15, 7:12](#))

And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
([Matthew 5:27-32, 7:1-6](#))

For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen.
([Matthew 7:13-27](#))

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Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

(Matthew 7:7-8)

Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." **(Matthew 18:18-20)**

And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen. And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

(Matthew 21:21-22)

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. **(John 14:12-15)**

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. **(John 15:4-8)**

In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

"These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself

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loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” **(John 16:23-33)**

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

(1 John 3:18-24)

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

(1 John 5:13-15)

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

(John 17:22-23)

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Examples in Scripture of Praying the Will of God

Abraham: *Genesis 18:17-19*

Compare Genesis 18:17-29 with Revelation 18:2-8

Look at Isaiah 45:18-19 and Isaiah 48:12-19 and John 17:22-23

Hannah: *1 Samuel 1:9-11*

Compare 1 Samuel 1:9-2:21 with Luke 1

David: *2 Samuel 12:15-23*

Compare 2 Samuel 12:15-23 with John 11:1-45

Elijah: *1 Kings 17:1*

Compare 1 Kings 17:1-18:46 with James 5:7-18

Esther: *Esther 4:16*

Compare Esther 3:12-7:10 with Hebrews 10:30-12:2

Jesus: *Mark 14:36*

Compare Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46, John 18:1

Paul: *2 Corinthians 12:8*

Look at 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Purpose in Sufferings:

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

1 Corinthians 12:17-32

Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 1:4-8, Philippians 3:10, Philippians 4:12, Colossians 1:24, 1 Thessalonians 2:14, 2 Thessalonians 1:5, 2 Timothy 1:8, Hebrews 2:8-11, Hebrews 10:32, James 5:9-11, 1 Peter 1:11, 1 Peter 2:19-24, 1 Peter 4:11-14, 1 Peter 5:9, 2 Peter 2:13

Look for the precious:

Jeremiah 15:19 says "Therefore, thus says the Lord, "If you return, then I will restore you— Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman."