



***Praying with
Authority***

PRAYER

The word "prayer" comes from the Latin word *precārius*, which means "obtained by begging".

(Precarius: Given as a favour, "Depending on the favour of another person")

(Begging: ask someone earnestly or humbly for something)

Prayer can be done out loud or silently, alone or with others. It can be a corporate or personal act and can take many forms and techniques.

What is prayer ?

Prayer is a way to communicate with God, to express feelings and thoughts. It can be done in many ways, including:

- **Asking for help:** People pray to ask for help.
- **Giving thanks:** People pray to give thanks.
- **Feeling closer to beliefs:** People pray to feel closer to their beliefs.
- **Communing with God:** People pray to commune with God.
(share one's intimate thoughts or feelings with (someone), especially on a spiritual level.)
- **Developing a relationship:** People pray to develop a personal relationship with God.
- **Being open to guidance:** People pray to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- **Praising God:** People pray to praise God.
- **Confessing sin:** People pray to confess their sin before God.

How do we Pray ?

Matthew 6:9-13 - The Lord's Prayer

⁹“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

Key Scriptures to Read, Pray, and Proclaim.

Matthew 28:18 NIV

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

*Footnote: There is a sentence found in the Aramaic that is missing in all but one Greek manuscript, which reads,
“As my Father has sent me, so I send you.”*

Luke 10:19 NIV

¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Footnote: The Greek text literally “Snakes and Scorpions,” which are emblems of demonic.

Matthew 18:18 – 19 NIV

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Footnote: The Aramaic is “if you are deserving of what you pray for.” The implication is that God will not give you what you are not ready for, just as an earthly father would not give his eight-year-old a car try Drive.

1 John 5: 14-15 NIV

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Mark 11:24

²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

What Do We Pray About?

Watch the video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-YlqQfKkKk>