

Prayer: Connecting with God
Making Prayer Personal
Part 2

A Quick Review

✦ **Template: Pray like this/pray in this manner**

Focus on God

Hallowed be your name – Exalting God

Your kingdom come – Asking for God's rule here

Your will be done – Asking for God to have his way here

Make it Personal

Give us daily bread – Asking God to provide for needs

Forgive us our debts – Asking for sins to be forgiven

Deliver us from evil – Keep us from temptation which leads to sin

✦ **Read Matthew 6:11**

Give us this day our daily bread...

Ask Your Father for Your _____

- **Physical Needs**

God promises provisions as you seek _____ kingdom.

MATTHEW 6:30-33 (ESV) *But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?*

³¹ *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'* ³² *For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.* ³³ *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

How does God provide for needs?

Miraculous provision

God uses his _____ to provide for his people.

ACTS 2:45 (ESV) *And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

- **Spiritual Need**

God's ultimate provision is _____.

JOHN 6:35 (ESV) *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

- ◆ **Read Matthew 6:12**

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

Ask for Forgiveness: A Petition for Grace

- We don't _____ forgiveness by _____ forgiveness to others.

How do we receive forgiveness?

1 JOHN 1:8-9 (ESV) *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- **Extending Forgiveness to Others**

Why should we forgive others?

Matthew 18:27-35 (ESV) *And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed,*

and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

How do we forgive others?

Matthew 18:15-17 (ESV) *If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.*

- ◆ **Read Matthew 6:13**

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

_____ is a Precursor to _____

- Temptation ➔ Sin ➔ Death

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

*"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 this day 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 evil. Amen.*