

A Study On Prayer

(Part 3)

Matthew 6:5-15

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Luke 11:1

*"And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, **Lord, teach us to pray**, even as John also taught his disciples."*

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For What Should We Pray?

Spiritual growth and progress of the gospel.

- ▶ **Paul frequently prayed for others and made request for the prayers of others.**
 - Philippians 1:9; Colossians 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Colossians 4:12.
 - That he might speak with boldness. Ephesians 6:18-19; 2 Timothy 1:8-9
 - Door of opportunity might be opened. Colossians 4:3
 - That the *"word of the Lord may have free course"* 2 Thessalonians 3:1

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▶ **Ourselves. Matthew 6:9ff.**

1. Temporal needs. **Matthew 6:8,31ff**
 - a. Conditional. **2 Thessalonians 3:10; Ephesians 4:28**
2. Protection from harm. **cf. Matthew 24:20**
3. Deliverance from temptation. **Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13**
 - a. Conditional. **1 Corinthians 6:18**

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4. Confession and forgiveness of sin. **Matthew 6:12**
 - a. Conditional. Repentance Acts 8:22; and forgiving others. **Matthew 6:12b, (14-15)**
5. Wisdom. **James 1:5-7; cf. Proverbs 2:3-6**

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- ▶ The power of God. **Ephesians 3:20**
- ▶ Just as surely as Christ existed before the creation of all things (**cf. John 1:1-3**), it is declared that *"by him all things consist."* (**Colossians 1:16-17**)
- ▶ He *"upholds all things by the word of his power."* **Hebrews 1:3**
cf. Ephesians 1:20-23; Daniel 4:25

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- ▶ God’s providential rule extends over all things.
 - God rules over nature, or the realm of natural processes governed by natural law. He also rules over history. cf. Daniel 2:21; 5:21

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- He does this without voiding man’s ability to choose his own actions. Acts 10:34–35; Revelation 22:17
- God permits sinful acts to occur, but He does not cause man to sin (Genesis 45:5; Romans 9:22).
- He often overrules evil for good (Genesis 50:20; Acts 3:13).
- Often men carried out the plan of God unawares. cf. Acts 2:23; 4:28.

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Providence defined: God’s continuous activity of preserving and governing the whole of creation by his wisdom and goodness and power, for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose and for the glory of His name.

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Conclusion:

There is a God.

- ▶ God talks to us through His word.
- ▶ We talk with Him through prayer. (Hebrews 1:1–2)

1 Peter 3:12 “For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.”

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