

# Prayer Well



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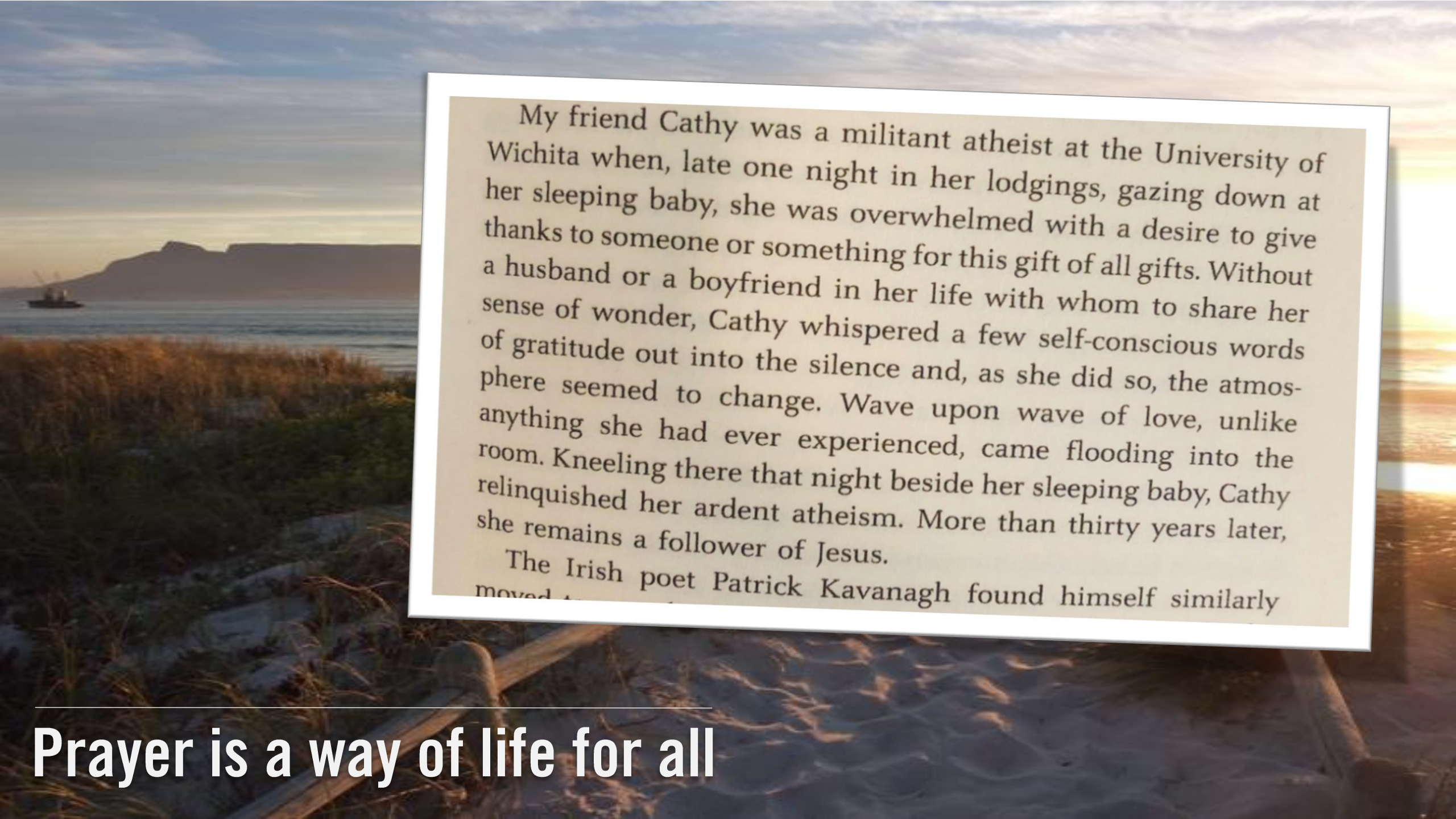


Last week...



# Wells





My friend Cathy was a militant atheist at the University of Wichita when, late one night in her lodgings, gazing down at her sleeping baby, she was overwhelmed with a desire to give thanks to someone or something for this gift of all gifts. Without a husband or a boyfriend in her life with whom to share her sense of wonder, Cathy whispered a few self-conscious words of gratitude out into the silence and, as she did so, the atmosphere seemed to change. Wave upon wave of love, unlike anything she had ever experienced, came flooding into the room. Kneeling there that night beside her sleeping baby, Cathy relinquished her ardent atheism. More than thirty years later, she remains a follower of Jesus.

The Irish poet Patrick Kavanagh found himself similarly moved to

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**Prayer is a way of life for all**

## **Ecclesiastes 3:11 AMP**

### **God Set Eternity in the Heart of Man**

He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end.



# 1. A Prayer Well:

## Luke 11 Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:..

# The Lord's Prayer:

## Matthew 6:9-13 NJKV

In this manner, therefore, 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 this day our  
daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our  
debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver  
us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever. Amen.

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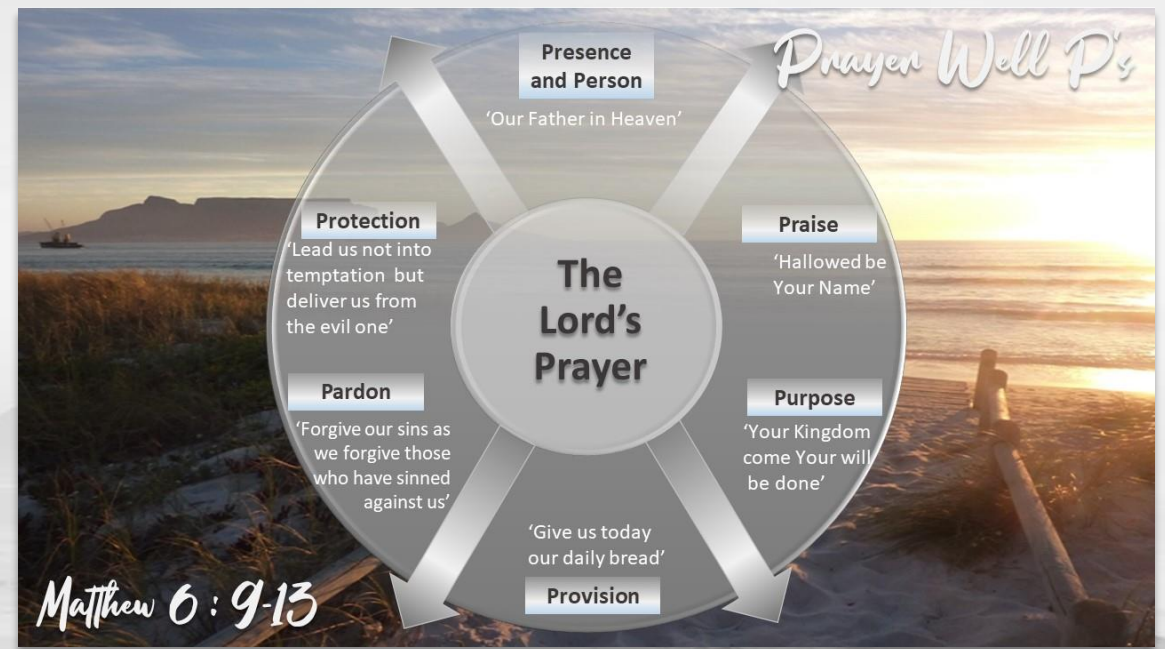
*Matthew 6 : 9-13*



# 1. Presence and Person: “Our Father in heaven”

- Present, Person, Awareness
- He is Father
- Our Father
- There is another father

**John 8:41** You are doing the works of your own father. We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.” 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry...





out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- **Jesus has the key to the Father and to true Prayer**
- **Positioning for TRUE AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

**“Positioning for a life-giving prayer-well is everything!”**

## 2. Praise:

### “Hallowed be Your name”

- Praise and esteem for His name, Holy, sanctified and set apart

**Psalm 100:4** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.





### 3. Purpose:

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

- Main aim.. His will is wise and good and perfect

**IS THIS OUR PRAYER?**



## 4. Provision:

**“Give us this day our daily bread.”**

**See this:** *10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

→ Seeking His Kingdom precedes our bread. Those who pray right will not go hungry or thirsty!

→ Matthew 6:33





...Provision:

**“Give us this day our daily bread.”**

**John 6:27** Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

**John 6:35** 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.

**John 4:31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.



## 5. Pardon:

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

**Matthew 6:15** But if you don't forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.

- Forgiveness is a trigger
- Cannot have grace and life, unless...





## 6. Protection:

**“And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Clarity:

**James 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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