



**a: the purpose of prayer**

**1. we have been created in God's image**

**Genesis 1:26a, 27 (ESV)**

<sup>26a</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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**2. we have been created to rule**

**Genesis 1:27a, 28 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> So God created man ... <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and SUBDUE it and HAVE DOMINION/RULE over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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**3. establishing the purposes of God**

God's desire is for us to do His will. His will should be:

- The centre of our prayers: and
- The source of our confidence.

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**1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that **if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.** <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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**4. our will versus God's will**

**James 4:2c-3 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> ... You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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**5. the word of God**

1. We must pray according to God's will, as revealed through His Word.
2. Power in prayer is based on the Word of God, e.g. His promises.

**2 Corinthians 1:10 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> For all God's promises are "Yes" in him (Jesus). And so through him we can say "Amen," to the glory of God.

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**6. Jesus lives to do the will of the Father**

**John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38 (ESV)**

<sup>3:34</sup> "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

<sup>5:30</sup> "I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me."

<sup>6:38</sup> "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."



**b: our authority**

**1. our redemptive purpose**

**Ephesians 3:10-12 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realised in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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**1. our redemptive purpose**

**2 Corinthians 6:1 (GNB)**

<sup>1</sup> In our work together with God, then, we beg you who have received God's grace not to let it be wasted.

**1 Corinthians 3:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers.

**b: our authority**

**2. Jesus disarmed rulers and authorities**

**Colosians 2:13-15 (NKJ)**

<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses..., God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.<sup>15</sup> **He disarmed the rulers and authorities** and put them to open shame...

**b: our authority**

**3. all authority was given to Jesus**

**Matthew 28:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me..."

**Colosians 1:13 (YLT)**

<sup>13</sup> who did rescue us out of the **authority** of the darkness, and did translate us into the reign of the Son of His love...

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**4. Jesus transferred authority to believers**

**Luke 10:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

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**4. Jesus transferred authority to believers**

**Matthew 18:18-19 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will have been permitted in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Furthermore, truly I tell you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you request, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."

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**4. Jesus transferred authority to believers**

**Romans 5:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness **reign in life** through the one man Jesus Christ.

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**5. authority through the name of Jesus**

**John 16:23-24 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> "... Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."



## **c: we need faith**

### **1. we need faith**

#### **Matthew 17:20; 21:21 (ESV)**

<sup>17:20</sup> ... if you **have faith** like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, **and nothing will be impossible for you.**"

<sup>21:21</sup> "... if you **have faith and do not doubt**, ... if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen.

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### **1. we need faith**

#### **James 1:5-7 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, ... and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him **ask in faith**, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord...

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### **2. faith pleases God**

#### **Hebrews 11:6 ; 4:16 (ESV)**

<sup>11:6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

<sup>4:16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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### **3. all things are possible**

#### **Rom 10:11 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

#### **Mat 19:26b (ESV)**

<sup>26b</sup> "... with God all things are possible."

#### **Mar 9:23 (ESV)**

And Jesus said to him, "...All things are possible for one who believes."



### **d: the model prayer**

#### **Mat 6:9-13 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>9</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>11</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>12</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <sup>13</sup> For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen "

### **d: the model prayer**

#### **1. Our Father in heaven**

We bring to our Father the concerns of others, as well as ourselves, acknowledging Him as our source. He is the Father of all believers.

#### **2. Hallowed be your name**

We worship the Father as the Holy One, glorifying all His attributes.

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#### **3. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**

We pray the will and purposes of our Father into being on earth; in peoples lives, the church etc. (before praying for ourselves. )

#### **4. Give us this day our daily bread**

We ask our Father to supply the daily needs of others, as well as our own.

### **d: the model prayer**

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

We have to bring our own sins and where people have hurt us before the Father. We ask for forgiveness and we extend forgiveness to others.

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

We need wisdom to avoid temptation and to deliver us when we do face temptation.

### **d: the model prayer**

#### **7. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen**

Jesus are teaching us to end our time in prayer with worship the Father again. We give thanks in advance for answered prayers.



**e: effectual fervent prayer**

James 5:16b (**KJV**)

<sup>16b</sup> The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16b (**ESV**)

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

**e: effectual fervent prayer**

James 5:17-18 (**KJV**)

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.



**f: so how often do we pray?**

**Acts 2:42 (ESV)**

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

The church was built on these 4 pillars, one of them PRAYER.

**f: so how often do we pray?**

**Colossians 4:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

**Eph 6:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

**f: so how often do we pray?**

**1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.



## **g: persevere**

### **1. do not lose heart**

#### **Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> ... "In a city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4a</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself,

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#### **Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)**

<sup>4b</sup> 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?"

