

“Prayer Points”

1. Start by praising and thanking God.

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name (Ps. 100:4).

“Praise ye the LORD . . . Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness” (Ps. 150:1-2).

2. Confess and forsake all known sin, and yield fully to God.

“If I regard iniquity in mine heart, the LORD will not hear me.”

“Search me, O God, . . . and see if there be any wicked way in me.”

“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

(Ps. 66:18; 139:23-24 / Matt. 6:10)

3. Claim God’s promises as you pray.

“The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword . . .” (Heb. 4:12).

“My word shall not return unto me void . . . (Isa. 55:11).

“Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive.”

“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

“God is not willing that any should perish . . .” (II Peter 3:9).

4. Follow patterns found in Scripture.

Matt. 6:9-13 / Eph. 1:15-23; 3:14-21 / Phil. 1:9-11 / Col. 1:9-12

5. Pray for the spiritual needs of Christians.

(e.g. encouragement, comfort, teaching, wisdom, need to witness, holiness, daily devotions, backsliders, family problems)

6. Pray for God to send laborers into the harvest (Matt. 9:36-38).

People in full-time ministry; also more witnessing Christians

7. Pray for the salvation of lost people.

Paul gives us a good example of this in Romans 9:1-3 and 10:1.

8. Pray for the musicians (Psalm 95:1-3 / Col. 3:23 / I Cor. 10:31).

9. Pray for the preacher (Eph. 6:18-20 / II Tim. 2:25-26).

10. Pray for yourself and the others as listeners (Ps. 119:18, 33-34,

66, 73, 108, 125, 135 / Acts 16:14 / I Thess. 3:1 / James 1:22).

Bible Principles on Prayer

1. Desire God’s glory above all else.

Hezekiah’s prayer in II Kings 19:15-19 (note all of chapters 18 & 19)

Paul’s prayers in Ephesians 1, Philipians 1, Colossians 1, & I Thess. 1

Note God’s warning in James 4:3

2. You must be righteous – Ps.34:15 (c.f. I Peter 3:7-13).

“If I regard iniquity in mine heart, the LORD will not hear me” (Ps. 66:18).

Confess and forsake sins of omission as well as sins of commission.

“Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (II Corinthians 7:1b).

Note: Proverbs 28:9 Isaiah 59:1-16 / John 15:7 / I John 3:22

Learn from David’s prayers in Psalms 32:5; 38:18; 51; and 139:23-24.

3. “Ask in faith” – James 1:5-8

Matthew 21:21-22 / Mark 11:24 / other verses in the Gospels

Philippians 4:6-7

4. Pray in line with God’s will – I John 5:14-15.

Remember key verses:

I Thess. 4:3-7 & 5:18 / Matt. 18:14 / I Timothy 2:1-8 / II Peter 3:9

Learn from prayers recorded in Scripture (e.g. Psalm 119 & John 17).

5. Persistence or “Ask and keep on asking.”

Luke 11:1-13 / Acts 12:5 – Peter was in prison . . .

“But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.”

6. Pray fervently – James 5:16.

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

“Elijah prayed earnestly that it might not rain.” / Also see Acts 12:5,12.

7. God loves a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Isaiah 57:15 / Psalms 34:18, 51:16-17 & others

Hannah illustrates this in I Samuel 1.

8. Praise must be a significant part of your prayers.

Jesus taught this in Matthew 6:9-13.

David praised God in prayer – I Chronicles 29:10-14.

Paul emphasized praise – I Thess. 5:16-18 & passages listed in #1