

104.18. THE LORDS PRAYER Summarized

When you pray, do it privately & the Father which sees in secret, will reward you openly, as He knows the things you need, before you ask, so when you pray, do not babble on like pagans, as they think they will be heard because of all their words, Matt. 6:7-9.

True prayer in the spirit involves emotion, intellect & complete dependence on God's spirit, to help us to pray to God, through His Spirit in Christ. When we pray in accordance with God's Spirit, we are praying in according to God's will, Romans 8:26.

We must not quench the spirit of God, 1Thessalonians 5:19, by ignoring the conviction when He gives us an urge to pray, as His spirit will convict us, to draw us to Christ, in & for prayer. Don't worry about what to say, or what you pray, as God is reading your heart, not your lips, so the wording is irrelevant when compared to the desires, prayers & burdens in your heart.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God & the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts & your minds in Christ, Philippians 4:6.

Don't rush when praying in the spirit, as the spirit will open the heart & mind & do the praying, as who knows what God's heart & spirit truly wants us praying for if not God's spirit & we are to pray according to His will, not ours, as experiencing the fullness of Him, is our ultimate goal.

As we pray, we should pay attention to the theme of the Lord's Prayer, which guides us in how we are to pray, to unlock the secrets of the Kingdom of God.

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, & lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom & the power & the glory, forever, Mathew 6:9-13.

How we are to pray; The Lord's Prayer, summarized. In all prayer we are to declare God's glory, e.g., Our Father who art in heaven, His name is kept Holy, giving praise & blessing to Him for His Holiness, as He deserves all our reverence, adoration & devotion.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Jesus said, the Kingdom of God had arrived through His ministry; of healing, freeing captives & bringing hope & peace, as the Kingdom is about healing & deliverance.

After praise we make a petition for His Kingdom, per His will; on earth as in Heaven where there is freedom, healing, joy & hope.

As believers, we call on His healing, hope & peace to declare God's will on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day. God doesn't want us to worry about past, present or future, but wants us to trust Him & walk in His ways. We must seek His Kingdom, for our needs; Don't worry, what shall we eat, drink, or wear, as your Heavenly Father knows your needs; seek His kingdom & righteousness & these things will be added, so do not worry about

tomorrow, it will worry about itself, as each day has enough trouble of its own, Mathew 6:31.

Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven all sin against us. Jesus said, if you forgive others, your Father will forgive you, but if you do not forgive, your Father will not forgive your sins, Math. 6:14.

We cannot expect God to forgive all of our sins against Him & others, if we do not forgive all who sin against us. This can be easier said than done, but when we truly understand who God is & what He has done for us, it's easier to forgive all. We must remember that we too have failed God & others, many, many times & that we do need forgiveness.

We must remember that we are all human & all make mistakes & sometimes hurt, or get hurt, but God commands us to forgive all, so that we can receive true peace & forgiveness. God knows how unforgiveness burdens hearts & minds & bitterness & resentment can develop & imprison us & can even cause some to get sick, or even die, when refusing to forgive.

God wants us to enjoy complete freedom in Him, but unforgiveness is a prison, that only we can free ourselves from, realizing that when we forgive, this doesn't mean that what another did was okay, it means that we're taking our emotions out of it & allowing God to be the judge & jury, as though we may be angry, we should not allow emotions, to cause us to sin Ephesians 4:26, when we can call on God.

Lead us not into temptation, which in & of itself is not a sin, even Jesus was tempted, as seen in Matthew 4:1-11; but He fought back using the Word of God, as a weapon against Satan's schemes.

There are many worldly temptations e.g., power, fame, money, sex & selfish ambition & anything that we allow to become more important than God in our daily life & when temptations are allowed to take hold, we become the enemy's target & toy. We must always be on guard, as the enemy, prowls around like a lion, looking to devour all that he can, 1 Peter 5:8. When we try to resist temptation on our own, we are being prideful & setting ourselves up for failure, when we need to be humbling ourselves before God, who says, resist the devil & he will flee from you James 4:7.

Resisting the devil can be as easy as turning the tv channel, avoiding certain places, or people, or not listening to certain music; we all need to be cognizant of our triggers of temptation & prepare for them, eliminating them when possible, or if need be even running from them. We must do our part, if we want God to do His. We must submit ourselves to God & what He asks us to do, we should do, as His will, should be our will. We do things His way, not ours, as humbling ourselves before God says that we need His strength & power to help us through temptation.

When we ask humbly, God will give us the strength to resist temptation, also, we can be thankful that God is powerful enough to rescue us from the evil one & keep us safe from the enemy's attacks. The Lord rescues the godly; He is a fortress in times of trouble, Psa. 37:39.

For yours is the kingdom & the power & glory forever. All Power & Glory belong to God, He is the supreme ruler & we declare that He is the King of His Kingdom, which will never end.

We begin & end prayer by reminding God that we know that He is greater than any need, or problem that we may have, as we glorify Him, showing the evil one's that they are no match for our God's power.

So, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you, 1 Thess. 5:16. Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, James 1:2. For when we suffer, we suffer for Christ, as Christ did for us, with the difference being, He didn't deserve to, as He never did any wrong, to anyone, including us, but He loves us & forgives us that much.