



# Principles of Prayer

Oak Hollow church of Christ

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# WE MUST PRAY IN FAITH

## PRAYER REQUIRES FAITH...

- "And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
  - Matthew 21:22
- Otherwise, prayer will not be answered
  - James 1:5-8

## FAITH IN GOD...

- That He is, and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
  - Hebrews 11:6
- Such faith comes from the Word of God.
  - Romans 10:17

With the aid of His Word, we can have the kind of **faith** that pleases God, and ensures an answer to our prayers.

# WE MUST PRAY WITH HUMILITY

## HUMILITY BEFORE GOD...

- A virtue highly valued by God.
  - Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2
- The Lord is near, and saves those with contrite spirits.
  - Psalm 34:18
- He gives grace to the humble.
  - Proverbs 3:34

## HUMILITY IN PRAYER...

- Exemplified in the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.
  - Luke 18:9-14
- Humility leads to exaltation by God.
  - Luke 18:14; James 4:10

With **faith** and **humility** before God, we are prepared to pray with the proper disposition.

# WE MUST PRAY IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S WILL

## GOD'S WILL AND OUR PRAYERS...

- Prayers are answered favorably if we ask "according to His will"
  - 1John 5:14
- Prayers more concerned with our will than God's are turned down.
  - James 4:3

## HIS WILL BE DONE...

- So Jesus taught us to pray.
  - Matthew 6:9-10
- So He prayed in the garden at Gethsemane.
  - Luke 22:42
- Such praying made easier when our will is to do God's will.
  - John 4:34

With **faith** in God and **humility** toward Him, we will **gladly yield to His will** for us.

# WE MUST PRAY WITH THANKSGIVING

## PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING...

- "giving thanks always for all things to God"
  - Ephesians 5:20
- "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving"
  - Philippians 4:6
- "pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks"
  - 1Thessalonians 5:17-18

## THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE...

- God's people were always to be thankful.
  - Psalm 100:4; Colossians 3:15
- Ingratitude an indication of apostasy.
  - Romans 1:21; 2Timothy 3:2

Do we think God will help us with our present burdens if we don't take the time to thank Him for past blessings?

# WE MUST PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS

## PRAYING IN THE NAME OF JESUS...

- Taught by Jesus Himself to His disciples.
  - John 14:13-14; 16:23
- Commanded by Paul to the Christians at Ephesus.
  - **Ephesians 5:20**

## THE NAME OF JESUS AND PRAYER...

- We acknowledge Jesus as the only way by which we can approach God.
  - John 14:6
- We recognize Him as our "high priest" who intercedes for us.
  - **Hebrews 7:24-25**; John 14:13

Means more than simply adding "in Jesus' name" at the end of our prayers.

# Principles Of Prayer and the value of God's word on them.

- We must pray in faith.
  - Faith comes from the Word of God.
- We must pray with humility.
  - Humility is learned by reading the Word of God.
- We must pray in harmony with the will of God.
  - Knowing the will of God is impossible without the Word of God.
- We must pray with thanksgiving.
  - Thanksgiving is made easier when we read of our blessings in the Word of God.
- We must pray in the name of Jesus.
  - The importance of having Jesus as our High Priest is revealed in the Word of God.

# The Value of Keeping a Prayer Log or Journal

- **Builds Accountability and Consistency:** A prayer log encourages regular prayer habits by providing a dedicated space to track your commitments, helping you stay disciplined without feeling overwhelmed.
- **Tracks God's Faithfulness:** By noting prayers and their answers over time, you create a tangible record of God's interventions, which strengthens your faith during tough seasons and fosters gratitude.
- **Enhances Focus and Clarity:** Writing slows down racing thoughts, allowing you to articulate prayers more intentionally and process emotions honestly, reducing distractions and intrusive worries.
- **Promotes Growth in Scripture and Praise:** It invites deeper engagement with the Bible, as you can pair prayers with verses, and it becomes a space to celebrate God's character, turning routine into worship.
- **Provides Emotional and Mental Relief:** Journaling offers a judgment-free outlet for raw feelings, improving memory of God's promises and helping you confront difficult topics with hope.

# LightPost

Prayer Requests - Functionality

# APP vs Administrative Page Functions

## APP on iPhone

- Home page shows # on prayer list and how many have updates.
- Prayer List page allows all members to submit a new request.
- Payer List is organized by categories.

## Administrative console in web browser

- Create folder category.
- Submit a new request.
- Update existing requests.
- Add expiration date to a prayer request.
- <https://admin.lightpost.app/>

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