

Provision Prayer

Grounded in Prayer During Turbulent Times, Part 4

Matthew 6:11

16. Praying to God for your physical needs _____ you that every good and perfect gift comes _____. He is the _____ of all things (Ps. 85:12, 121:1-2, 2 Cor. 9:8, Philippians 4:19, Jam. 1:17).

17. God's provision goes far _____. To pray for "bread" is symbolic of praying for _____ that we _____ in life. (Mat. 7:7-11, 2 Cor. 9:10-11, 1 John 5:14).

18. To pray for "daily" bread is to ward off _____ by finding _____ in God's basic provisions. Like the _____ in the wilderness, God abundantly provides for our _____, not our _____. (Ex. 16:4-5, 19-20, Prov. 30:8-9, John 6:31-35, Phil. 4:11-12, 1 Tim. 6:6-8, Heb. 13:5).

19. One primary implication of God's _____ provision is the response of _____. _____ God for all that He _____ YOU. (1 Chron. 16:24, Ps. 50:14, 69:30, 100:4, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Thes. 5:16-18, 1 Tim. 4:4-5, 6:17).

20. A second implication of God's _____ provision is the opportunity to be _____. (Prov. 11:24-25, 19:17, 22:9, Mark 4:24, Luke 6:38).

Setting 3 Prayer Goals:

1. I will pray at this time every day: _____ .
2. I will pray for this amount of time every day: _____ .
3. As part of my prayer time I will read this much of the Bible every day: _____ .

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13, NIV)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one;
For yours is the kingdom
And the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Prayer Principles from God's Word

SEEKING PRAYER

1. Seeking God is the most important thing a person can do in life. God promises to reward those who earnestly seek Him. (1 Chron. 16:11, Lam. 3:25, Ps. 34:10, Jer. 29:13, Mat. 6:6, 6:33, 7:7-11, Jam. 4:8).
2. The first and greatest seeking prayer should be the sinner's prayer to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. (John 1:11-12, 3:16, Rom. 6:23, 1 John 3:1-8, 5:11-12).
3. Most people give up seeking God because it's too hard and the flesh takes over. (Mark 14:32-42, Rom. 7:21-25, 8:5, 12-14).
4. At other times we are tempted to give up seeking God in prayer because the devil deceives us and convinces us it's not important. (Gen. 3:1, John 10:10, Acts 12:5, Eph. 6:10-18, Rev. 20:3).
5. God is carefully looking for people around the world who are seriously seeking Him and His purposes. (2 Chron. 16:9, Ps. 34:15, Prov. 5:21, 15:3, 1 Pet. 3:12).

ADORATION PRAYER

6. God's supreme purpose for prayer is to glorify Himself, which He knows will give you the greatest joy. (1 Chron. 16:29, Ps. 68:34-35, 71:23, Luke 1:46-48, John 14:13, Rev. 4:11, 5:12).
7. Praising God as Father in heaven will reassure you of God's intimate love and ultimate power. (Ps. 68:5, Is. 64:7, Mk. 14:36, 1 Cor. 8:6, Eph. 4:6, Jam. 1:17).
8. Starting your prayer time with praise helps you stay focused on the centrality of God, not on your own needs. That God is preeminent, perfect and holy should be your first (and last) words. (1 Chron. 29:10-13, Neh. 9:5-6, Is. 6:3).
9. When you praise God you will experience His presence more fully. Most people skip over the praise part of prayer and hence miss out on a deeper experience of God's filling. (Ps. 22:3 (KJV), 100:2 (ESV), 119:143-144, Mat. 18:20).
10. When you exalt and glorify God in your prayers, you will begin to fulfill Christ's command to humble yourself before our mighty God. (2 Chron. 7:14, Mic. 6:8, Mat. 23:12, Col. 3:12, Eph. 4:2, Jam. 4:10).

KINGSHIP PRAYER

11. To pray, "*Your kingdom come, your will done, on earth as it is in heaven*" is to acknowledge that God is the King over all and the King of your life. (Ps. 47:6-7, 145:1, Zech. 9:9, 1 Tim. 6:15-16, Rev. 17:14, 19:16).
12. To pray, "*Your kingdom come, your will done, on earth as it is in heaven*" is to desire God's rule and reign throughout our fallen world. God's kingdom exists wherever He is treated as king. (Mat. 3:2, 4:17, Mark 11:9-10, Col. 1:13).
13. To pray, "*Your kingdom come, your will done, on earth as it is in heaven*" is to pray for lost people to accept Christ as King and come into God's kingdom. (Acts 26:17-18, Rom. 10:1, 1 Cor. 9:20-22, Col. 4:3, 2 Cor. 5:20-21).
14. To pray, "*Your kingdom come, your will done, on earth as it is in heaven*" is to ask for the humility to submit to His will and not demand your own. (Luke 22:42, Rom. 8:7-8, Heb. 12:9, Jam. 4:7-10, 1 Pet. 5:6).
15. To pray, "*Your kingdom come, your will done, on earth as it is in heaven*" is to anticipate the second coming of Christ, when He will return to earth and set up His earthly kingdom forever. (2 Sam. 7:11-16, Ps. 2:6-9, Is. 9:7, Num. 24:17, 1 Thes. 4:13-18, Rev. 19:11-16, 21:1-4).