

Building a Foundation for Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NCV) Pray along these lines: 'Our Father in heaven, we honor your holy name. (10) We ask that your kingdom will come now. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven. (11) Give us our food again today, as usual, (12) and forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. (13) Don't bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. Amen.

1. My prayer begins with acknowledging who God is

'Our Father in heaven

Romans 8:15-16 (NIV) but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, *Abba*, Father." (16) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Isaiah 37:14-17 (TLB) As soon as King Hezekiah had read this letter, he went over to the Temple and spread it out before the Lord (15) and prayed, saying, (16) "O Lord, Almighty God of Israel enthroned between the Guardian Angels, *you alone* are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone made heaven and earth. (17) Listen as I plead; see me as I pray.

Isaiah 45:5-6 (TLB) I am Jehovah; there is no other God. I will strengthen you and send you out to victory even though you don't know me, (6) and all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am Jehovah and there is no one else. I alone am God.

2. My prayer leads to showing God the respect He deserves

"we honor your holy name"

Leviticus 22:32 (NIV) I am the LORD, who made you holy.

Psalms 9:10 (NIV) Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Revelation 4:11(NIV) "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

3. My prayer shows my desire for God's will in my life

"We ask that your kingdom will come now. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven."

John 15:10 (NIV) If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

Matthew 26:39 (NIV) Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 6:33 (NCV) The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants.

1 John 5:3-5 (NIV) This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, (4) for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. (5) Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.