

The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer To Say
The Hidden Power Of The Amen II
The Father Who Answers Prayer Assures Us of Answers to Our Prayers
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Matthew 6:9–13 (NKJV) : 9...Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.10Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.11Give us this day our daily bread.12And forgive us our debts, As we [have already forgiven] our debtors. 13And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Luke 11:1–2 (NASB) : It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." 2And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.

Nothing Happens In The Kingdom Until Something is Said

Teach us to pray so we:

1. can accomplish our mission
2. can get answers
3. are certain of the outcome
4. can be confident we have been heard
5. are not guilty of vain repetitions
6. know what pleases God
7. can have hope for the future
8. can know when we're finished

Matthew 6:5–8 (NASB) : "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you. 7"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

What Jesus Wanted:

1. He didn't want them to pray like the hypocrites
— Hypocrites (greek) : acting a theatrical part, to play a part or pretend
2. He wanted them to pray to their Father
3. He didn't want them to use meaningless repetitions like the Gentiles
4. He wanted them to know the Father already knows their needs

Isaiah 65:24 (NASB) : It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

Too good to be true!—But it IS true!

Too simple to be believed!—But the choice is yours!

Genesis 24:1–24 (NASB) : (Abraham's Servant finds Rebekah)

Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way. 2Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh, 3and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, 4but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac." 5The servant said to him, "Suppose the woman is not willing to follow me to this land; should I take your son back to the land from where you came?" 6Then Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there! 7The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I will give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there. 8But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; only do not take my son back there." 9So the servant placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master, and set out with a variety of good things of his master's in his hand; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor. 11He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water. 12He said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master Abraham. 13Behold, I am standing by the spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water; 14now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also'-may she be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant Isaac; and by this I will know that You have shown lovingkindness to my master."

15Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. 16The girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. 17Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar." 18She said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink. 19Now when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking." 20So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. 21Meanwhile, the man was gazing at her in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.

1. Teach Us To Pray So We Can Accomplish Our Mission

Genesis 24:1–4 (NASB) : Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way. 2Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh, 3and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, 4but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

Our Mission: Making God Known... Through Relating, Discipling, and Educating.

2. Teach Us To Pray So We Can Get Specific Answers

Genesis 24:13 (NASB) : Behold, I am standing by the spring, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water;

3. Teach Us To Pray So We Are Certain of the Outcome

Genesis 24:14 (NASB) : now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also'-may she be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant Isaac; and by this I will know that You have shown lovingkindness to my master."

4. Teach Us To Pray So We Can Be Confident We Have Been Heard

Genesis 24:20–21 (NASB) : So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels. 21Meanwhile, the man was gazing at her in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.

1 John 5:14–15 (NASB) : This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

1 John 5:14–15 (EXP) : And this is the assurance which we are having toward Him, that if we keep on asking anything for ourselves, [which is] according to His will, He hears us. 15And if we know with an absolute knowledge that He hears us, whatever we are asking for ourselves, we know with an absolute knowledge that we have the things, which we have asked from Him."