

Teach Us To Pray Part 3: Your Will Be Done

(Luke 11:1 NIV) One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

(Matthew 6:10 NIV) Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Prayer of Jabez

(1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NIV) Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

1. Pray for blessing.

(Psalm 5:12 NIV) For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

(Genesis 12:2 NLT) I will bless you...and you will be a blessing to others.

(Matthew 7:11 NIV) If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

2. Pray for influence.

(Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

(Ephesians 3:20 NIV) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

3. Pray for presence and power.

(Acts 11:21 NIV) The Lord's hand was with them and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

(Zechariah 4:6 NIV) Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

(2 Corinthians 3:5-6 NIV) Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

4. Pray for protection.

(1 Peter 5:8 NIV) The devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

(Psalm 3:1-3 NIV) O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

(Matthew 6:13 NIV) And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Prayer is when we align our hearts with His will.