

How to Enjoy Prayer

SERMON SUMMARY

Enjoying prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God. Prayer is not just a routine or a set of magic words but a heartfelt communication with God. Our model of prayer is based on the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6, and this week we will break it down into steps that include connecting with God relationally, worshiping Him, seeking His will, depending on Him for daily needs, experiencing His forgiveness, engaging in spiritual warfare, and acknowledging His power. If you haven't already, you can begin making prayer a joyful and integral part of your daily life!

KEY VERSES

Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

"Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

10 May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today the food we need,

12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

Additional verses: Luke 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Proverbs 18:10; James 4:7

QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from today's sermon about prayer?
2. How do you currently approach prayer in your daily life?
3. What does it mean to you to connect with God relationally in prayer?
4. How can we make worship a more integral part of our prayer life?
5. Why is it important to seek God's will before presenting our own requests?
6. How do you depend on God for your daily needs, both physical and spiritual?
7. What are some challenges you face in forgiving others, and how can prayer help?
8. How can we engage in spiritual warfare through prayer in our daily lives?

LIFE APPLICATION

This week, set aside a specific time each day to follow the prayer model discussed here. Focus on each step: connecting with God relationally, worshiping Him, seeking His will, depending on Him for your needs, asking for forgiveness, engaging in spiritual warfare, and acknowledging His power. Reflect on how this structured approach impacts your relationship with God and your daily life.