

The Discipline of Prayer

2	a)	<p><u>Psalm 18:3</u> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.</p> <p><u>Psalm 145:3</u> Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.</p> <p><u>1 Chronicles 29:10-13</u></p> <p>10. So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.</p> <p>11. "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.</p> <p>12. "Both riches and honor <i>come</i> from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.</p> <p>13. "Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.</p>
2	b)	<p><u>Psalm 32:5</u> I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.</p> <p><u>1 John 1:9</u> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</p> <p><u>Luke 18:10-14</u></p> <p>10. "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.</p> <p>11. "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.</p> <p>12. 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'</p> <p>13. "But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'</p> <p>14. "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."</p> <p><u>Psalm 51:1-9</u></p> <p>1. Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.</p> <p>2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.</p> <p>3. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.</p> <p>4. Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.</p> <p>5. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.</p> <p>6. Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.</p> <p>7. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.</p> <p>8. Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which You have broken rejoice.</p> <p>9. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.</p>

2	c)	<p><u>Ephesians 5:20</u> ...always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;</p> <p><u>Colossians 4:2</u> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with <i>an attitude of</i> thanksgiving;</p> <p><u>1 Thessalonians 5:17-18</u> 17. pray without ceasing; 18. in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</p> <p><u>Hebrews 13:15</u> Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.</p> <p><u>Philippians 4:6</u> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.</p>
2	d)	<p><u>Philippians 4:6</u> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.</p> <p><u>1 Timothy 2:1-2</u> 1. First of all, then, I urge that entreaties <i>and</i> prayers, petitions <i>and</i> thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2. for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.</p> <p><u>1 Kings 8:28-29</u> 28. "Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You today; 29. that Your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, 'My name shall be there,' to listen to the prayer which Your servant shall pray toward this place.</p>
3		<p><u>Luke 18:1</u> Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,</p> <p><u>1 Thessalonians 5:17</u> ... pray without ceasing;</p> <p><u>Philippians 4:6</u> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.</p> <p><u>1 Timothy 2:1</u> First of all, then, I urge that entreaties <i>and</i> prayers, petitions <i>and</i> thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,</p>

Ephesians 6:18-19

18. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
19. and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Acts 4:24

And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

Matthew 6:9

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Acts 7:59

They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

8. Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.
9. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

Ephesians 2:18

... for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Hebrews 2:17

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
15. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.
16. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 6:20

... where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

5	<p><u>Proverbs 15:8</u> The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.</p> <p><u>1 Peter 3:12</u> "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."</p> <p><u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u> He made Him who knew no sin <i>to be</i> sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.</p> <p><u>1 Corinthians 1:30</u> But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,</p>
6	<p>a)</p> <p><u>Proverbs 28:9</u> He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, even his prayer is an abomination.</p> <p><u>Zechariah 7:11-13</u> 11. "But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing. 12. "They made their hearts <i>like</i> flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. 13. "And just as He called and they would not listen, so they called and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts;</p>
6	<p>b)</p> <p><u>Isaiah 59:1-2</u> 1. Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. 2. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden <i>His</i> face from you so that He does not hear.</p> <p><u>John 9:31</u> We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.</p> <p><u>Psalms 66:18</u> If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear;</p> <p><u>Proverbs 1:24-25, 28</u> 24. "Because I called and you refused, I stretched out my hand and no one paid attention; 25. And you neglected all my counsel and did not want my reproof; ... 28. "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but they will not find me,</p>

6	c)	<p><u>Jeremiah 11:11-14</u> 11. Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold I am bringing disaster on them which they will not be able to escape; though they will cry to Me, yet I will not listen to them." 12. "Then the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry to the gods to whom they burn incense, but they surely will not save them in the time of their disaster." 13. "For your gods are as many as your cities, O Judah; and as many as the streets of Jerusalem are the altars you have set up to the shameful thing, altars to burn incense to Baal." 14. "Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not listen when they call to Me because of their disaster."</p> <p><u>Jeremiah 14:10-12</u> 10. Thus says the LORD to this people, "Even so they have loved to wander; they have not kept their feet in check. Therefore the LORD does not accept them; now He will remember their iniquity and call their sins to account." 11. So the LORD said to me, "Do not pray for the welfare of this people." 12. "When they fast, I am not going to listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to make an end of them by the sword, famine and pestilence."</p> <p><u>Ezekiel 8:15-18</u> 15. He said to me, "Do you see <i>this</i>, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these." 16. Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, <i>were</i> about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and they were prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun. 17. He said to me, "Do you see <i>this</i>, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose." 18. "Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them."</p>
6	d)	<p><u>Proverbs 21:13</u> He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered.</p> <p><u>Isaiah 1:15</u> "So when you spread out your hands <i>in prayer</i>, I will hide My eyes from you; yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood."</p> <p><u>Micah 3:2-4</u> 2. "You who hate good and love evil, who tear off their skin from them and their flesh from their bones, 3. Who eat the flesh of my people, strip off their skin from them, break their bones and chop <i>them</i> up as for the pot and as meat in a kettle." 4. Then they will cry out to the LORD, but He will not answer them. Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time because they have practiced evil deeds."</p>

6	e)	<p><u>James 1:6-7</u></p> <p>6. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.</p> <p>7. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,</p>
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