



## More Prayer Is Better Than Less Prayer...Above All, Pray!

*The accomplishing of the goal of all things is close at hand. Therefore, keep alert and self-controlled, so that you can pray. More than anything, keep loving each other actively; because love covers many sins. Welcome one another into your homes without grumbling.* 1 Peter 4:7-9 CJB

Whatever helpful disciplines you choose, practice praying the Jesus way. Make your prayers regular, private, sincere and specific; *“when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you”* Matt 6:6-8 CJB

Remember that Gods prevailing power is released through prayer. He is interested in you and your needs. He is able to meet any need, and he has invited you to pray. His Son, Jesus, the expert on prayer, has given instructions in The Lord’s Prayer so that you know how to pray. MATT. 6:9-12 CJB

### An Example Of How To Pray Using Six Petitions

1. The first three petitions relate to God and his honor.

✠ *Our Father in heaven! May Your Name be kept Holy. May your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.*

1. No other Gods. 2. No idols. 3. Do not take His name in vain. 4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. These first three summarize Commandments, 1-4 (vertical relationship / God)

2. The last three relate to our concerns, both temporal and spiritual

✠ *Give us the food we need today. Forgive us what we have done wrong, as we too have forgiven those who have wronged us. And do not lead us into hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.*

5. Honor Parents. 6. Do not murder (in deed or words). 7. No adultery (real or imagined). 8. Do not steal. 9. Do not bear false witness (slander, complain or murmur). 10. Do not covet others (material items, spouse, coworkers, job, blessings).

These last three summarize Commandments 5-10 (horizontal relationships).

For the miracle of prayer to begin operating in our lives, we must finally do only one thing: we must pray. I can write about prayer, and you can read about it, and you can buy books about it, but sooner or later, we have to pray. Also do not forget that you may be praying about one thing and God maybe blessing you in other areas and you are not acknowledging Him for it because you are too focused on **YOUR # 1 issue**.

**APPLICATION:** REMEMBER THIS PART OF JESUS PRAYING; *Your will be done on earth as in heaven*. I recently reminded someone that they are experiencing breakthrough, I

said you just got blessed and you are missing it! They said keep talking you are cheering me up..... I didn't think of it that way, I was so focused on this other issue. Pastor you are right.....\$1,500+ of free items that I needed to complete this long desired project and they all came from different sources. This is a financial breakthrough! Let each of us remember that praying the Jesus way means; Your will be done, in my life here, on earth as in heaven, fulfill our needs as you see we need it and, Give us the food we need today!

*Blessings Pastor Bob Hill*