



“POWERFUL PRAYER”

Series: “LIVING FROM THE INSIDE OUT”, Part 11 of 19

Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 6:9-13

Big Idea: In the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus gave us a model for how effective prayer can function.

Matthew 6:9-13, This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

I. FOCUS ON GOD.

A. The character of God.

Matthew 6:9b, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

Immanence versus **Transcendence**

Deuteronomy 32:6a, “Is this the way you repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father?”

Isaiah 63:16a, “But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father.”

Jeremiah 3:19b, “I thought you would call me ‘Father’ and not turn away from following me.”

Psalms 68:5, “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.”

Psalms 103:13, “As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.”

1 Corinthians 8:6b, "There is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live."

Romans 8:15, "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Galatians 3:26, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

John 8:44a, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire."

1 John 3:10, "This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother."

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B. The Kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:10a, "Your kingdom come ..."

Acts 4:31, After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:32-33, All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

C. The will of God.

Matthew 6:10b, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Romans 12:2, Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

II. FOCUS ON US.

A. Present needs.

Matthew 6:11, "Give us today our daily bread."

B. Past needs.

Matthew 6:12, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Matthew 6:14-15, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

C. Future needs.

Matthew 6:13, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

James 1:13-15, "When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed."