

What are the keys to a structured prayer life?

A STRUCTURED PRAYER LIFE

A. We must offer all five types of prayer—Eph 6:18

Personal Devotion - worship, communion, spiritual growth

Personal Petition-asking for circumstances in your life to change

Meditation on God's Word-turning God's Word into conversation with Jesus

Intercession for God's corporate purpose-1 Thes. 3:10

Intercession for specific individuals-2Cor. 1:11

B. There are five parts to a Devotional Prayer list:

1. **Purpose**-Your Supreme Purpose for Life

2. **Fruit**-Character of Jesus formed in me

3. **Wisdom**-Mind of Jesus formed in me

4. **Gifts**-power of Jesus flowing through me

5. **Worship**-Obedience to God, Recognition of who God is in His majesty and splendor, Expressions of Holy adoration and affections to God

Pray for a Heart of Worship in Your Life

C. Insights into devotional prayer

1. Our prayer time is to be filled with intermittent expressions of affection adoration and specific thanksgiving with much prayer in the spirit (tongues). Expressions of longings for God-Ps. 63, 65; Rev. 2:4; Phil. 4:6; 1 Cor.14:18; Eph. 6:18.
2. Our prayer time is based upon the confidence that we can have whatever things we ask in God's will in Jesus' name, if we ask in faith that manifests itself through perseverance-Mark 11:22; John 14:12-14; Heb. 4:16; Luke 11:8-10; 18:7-8
3. We must pray with confidence that God delights in our prayers and that He withholds many blessings until they are persistently 1John 5:14-15.
4. Suggestions to devotional prayer
 - A. By praying devotional psalms
 - B. By praying through your devotional prayer list
 - C. By praying through direct, spontaneous leading of the spirit without aid of Psalms or prayer list.
 - D. Pray out loud to help control your thoughts
 - E. Be patient in prayer. Take time for silence with meaningful repetition of your requests with spontaneous sighs, groans, and tongues (Rom. 8:26)
 - F. Focus on the Throne of God as in Rev. 4

WORSHIP— A lifestyle of continual adoration of Jesus-John 4:24

- A. Expressions of sweet resolution (commitments) of obedience to God. What are your special commitments to God? Here are mine:
 - Covenant with my eyes not to gaze upon a young woman-Job 31:1. Not to ever yield to even the subtle forms of a spirit of sensuality-Ps. 14:12-13
 - Commitment to never quit my ministry due to criticism, disappointment and failure-Matt. 11:6.
 - I commit myself to build the kingdom through reliance upon You as manifested through a life of prayer. I will turn down opportunity when I have too little time for prayer.
 - Not to touch money from my anointing beyond necessities-1 Tim. 6:8; 2 Cor. 8:15
 - Give me grace to joyfully remove myself from a current position of authority to make room for another vessel of Your choosing to take my place. Save me from the heart of Saul and fill me with the heart of Barnabas who yielded his place to Paul.
 - I ask for grace to fulfill my covenant to believe You for the fullness of grace and to never settle for a nominal life in God. Make me like those who do not defile themselves, who follow You wherever You go, who utter no lie and who are fully blameless before You on the earth-Rev. 14:4-5
- B. Recognition of who God is in majesty and splendor
 - You are awesome in your majesty-Rev. 4:8, 11; 5:9-14; 7:10
 - You are filled with ALL wisdom and might, life, judgments on evil
- C. Expressions of holy adoration and affection
 - I will waste my life upon Thee, like Your servant Mary-Mk. 13:3-4
 - I will live beside myself for Thee as Your servant Paul. His only ambition was your pleasure and glory-2 cor. 5:9-13
 - Select passages from Psalms-Ps. 18, 25, 27, 63, 65, 84

Pray the Gifts into Your Life

GIFTS—The Power of Jesus Flowing through me-John 15:8

- Seek the Power ministry to deliver people so they can fully love Jesus and the Father-1 Cor. 12:31, 14:1
- Ask for the spirit of prayer to be released upon you-Zech. 12:10
 - Release Your burdens within me-Rom. 8:26, Ps. 77:1-6
 - Guard me from a spirit of pride in prayer-Ezek. 9:4
 - Release Jesus' prayers through me-Heb. 7:25
 - Grant me anointed access to the Father-Eph. 2:18
- Power of conviction on the words that I speak John 16:8
 - Conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment
 - Make Your word like a hammer that shatters hearts of sin and a sword that pierces hearts - Jer. 23:29, Ps. 45
 - Words of spirit and life-John 6:63
 - Word of God went forth from Paul in power-Acts 19:2
- Release the revelation ministry of the holy spirit through me
 - Words of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirit beings, etc.
 - Wisdom of the holy spirit of where and when to minister
 - Wisdom to complete my course and not another's-Jn 17
- Release the power demonstration ministry of Your spirit-1 Cor. 12:7
 - Holy spirit falling on those we lay hands on-Acts 8:16-18
 - Extraordinary miracles and healings-Acts 19:11-12, 5:12, 14:3
 - Great authority manifested over demons-Matt. 10:8, Acts 19:15
 - Power of impartation to release the holy spirit to others-1Tim.4
- Spirit of boldness and strength in ministry and release of divine Utterance-Eph. 6:19, Acts 4:13, 1 Pet. 4:11; Matt. 10:19-20
- Spirit of joy and courage by holy spirit in persecution and suffering-Phil. 3:10, col. 1:24, 2 Cor. 11:23-28
 - Teach me to abound with contentment when I'm in need-Phil.4:12

Pray in Your supreme Purpose for Life

I. YOUR SIGNIFICANT PURPOSE -Jn. 17:26, Eph. 1:1, Cor. 15:28

- I ask you Father to pour out Your love within my heart by the impartation of the spirit-Rom 5:5
- to experience perfected love by the spirit for you and your precious children-1 John 2:5
- Father, I long to be supernaturally filled with the knowledge of you and to be filled with You perfected love and passion for the Beloved Man, Christ Jesus that You might be all and all in me-Eph. 4:10
- Grant me a holy spirit impartation of revelation of the knowledge of the glorious Person who sits at Your right hand that I may know Him-Phil. 3:10
- Impart Jesus' consuming zeal for You into my heart
- Help me to pour out my life for Thee that I might be wholly Yours God-2 Sam 23:16
- Fill me with jealousy for you-Num 25:11
- Father, I ask you to be supernaturally empowered in me to give a witness of the glory of the Man, Christ Jesus and of His delivering power from all the oppressions of satan so that many unredeemed people might be made whole and then passionately filled with your perfected love for your beloved Son, and His dear Church.

II. FRUIT-The character of Jesus formed in me-Gal 4:19

God's love has three dimensions all imparted by the Spirit.

1. Knowledge of God's love for me
2. A Holy Spirit impartation of love for God-Rom 5:5
3. An overflow of God's love for the saints-Gal. 5:13

When we have love for the Father and His Son, we cant help but have love for the Church.

- Direct my heart into the love of God. Rom 5:5. Cause me to abound in love. Phil.1:9-11
- Let my words and mediations please You. Fill me with the spirit of the fear of the Lord and holiness. Ps. 19:14
- Cause me to fear You. Put the fear of God in my heart. Unite my heart to fear you. Release your sanctifying power. Establish my heart in holiness. Reveal hurtful ways and hidden sins I'm not conscious of. (1 Thes.5:23, 3:13) Fill me with steadfast patience and hope by the Holy Spirit.
- Strengthen me with Your power in my inner man by Your presence. Release the nearness of God to me. Fill me with the light of Your Glory and presence. Do not hide Thy face from my daily walk. Strengthen my heart O God.
- Fill me with joy, peace and comfort-2 Thes. 2:16-17. Set a Holy Spirit guard over my mind and heart. May the peace of God fill my inner man. Rom 15:33
- Protect me from satan's tactics and presumptuous sins. Restrain the evil one from trapping me in sinful snares. Do not lead me into temptation-Matt.6:13
- Make me alert and careful. Keep me from hidden sins. Guard my lips from sinning-James 3:2
- Impart the spirit of humility to me. Keep me tender before Thee-2 Kings 22:19

WISDOM-The Mind of Jesus revealed in me - Prov. 10:1

- Grant me a Spirit of wisdom for Your corporate purposes in the church, home, ministry, and job, etc.
- Teach me how to go up in the unfolding of Your promises to me-2 Sam 2:1; 5:19
- Release Your manifold wisdom to me for Your church-Eph 3
- Promise of dreams and visions to children-acts 2:17
- Let me be perfectly assured of all of God's will-Col. 4:12
- Fill me with the knowledge of Your will for every area of my life and ministry-Col.1:9
- Release in me an understanding heart-1Kings 3:9
- Let me know You be revelation in the fullness of Your Word
- Ask for insight on specific verses to know God more
- To understand your Truth and Your Word
- To see your majesty and holiness Rev 1, 4
- Reveal eternity to me, and the brevity of this life.

This life is really only the womb of eternal life. It is a place ordained for us to be properly formed and prepared in for our eternal callings.

- Show me the endlessness of the next life with my eternal call that Father created for me.
- Give me a revelation of the eternal city (Rev 21) the judgment seat (2 Cor 5:10), a resurrected body 1 Cor. 15), an eternal hell (Rev 20:11), and an eternal calling (Rev 3:21).
- Help me not to lose sight of my significant purpose of this brief life in order to be properly equipped and prepared for the next life without shame or loss. (1 Cor. 3:15)