

The Disciple's Prayer, sometimes referred to as the Lord's Prayer or the Model Prayer was Jesus' response when His Disciples asked Him how to pray in Luke chapter 11. And while memorizing it is good for your personal walk, praying it over and over without thought to the words you speak is what Jesus called vain repetition. It is intended to be a guide, an outline if you will for effective prayer. And so the purpose of this notebook will be to help guide you not in some prepared prayers, but rather to help you pray and converse with God in a more effective way.

Each day you will spend time in prayer focusing on the sections of the Disciple's Prayer found in **Matthew 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Then every day of the week you will have people and groups to pray for. Some of those groups will be large, others will be somewhat smaller. If you have a particular day of the week when you normally have more time, you might rearrange your notebook so that the large group is on the day you have the most time.

While working through this notebook you would do well to add some filler paper to the back of it so you can add pages to the appropriate sections as the need arises.

Some things to note concerning using this notebook. First, it is yours. This is your personal plan. All things in here are a guide, but you are encouraged to add to this notebook those things which you discover in your daily walk with Christ. It could be a verse or a passage that helps you to focus on a particular day. It might be a quote that you heard from someone. Regardless, in order for you to have an effective, vibrant prayer life, you must make this your own.

Second, all Scripture is taken from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted.

Third, it would be good if you had pens of two different colors. The reason for this you will write your requests in one color and when you see the answers to your prayers record them in another color.

Lastly, the Lord loves a praying Christian and the devil hates one.

Overview of Each Day

1- Daily

- *Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving* - What can I praise God for? What do I need to thank Him for?
- *Praying For God's Will* - Praying for people in need of salvation. Praying for churches and ministries. Praying for pastors and church leaders. Praying for missions. Praying for Christians to grow in their faith.
- *Praying For Our Needs* - Praying for our requests and the requests of others. Praying for our families.
- *Seeking Forgiveness* - Confession of known sin. Asking God to reveal sin in our lives. Forgiving others by praying for them and asking God to bless them.
- *Praying For Spiritual Protection* - Putting on the full armor of God. Asking God to protect us from the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.
- *Start With Praise, End With Praise* - We praise God for what He has done and what He will do.

2- Sunday

- Pray for other churches in our town, state, nation, world.
- Pray for the leadership of those churches.
- Pray for our pastor by name and for his family.
- Pray for the Southern Baptist Convention, the South Carolina Baptist Convention and the SCBC institutions.

3- Monday

- Pray for Children's leaders by name and for their family.
- Pray for the children in that ministry and for those who could be involved.
- Pray for our church membership A-C

4- Tuesday

- Pray for Youth leaders by name and for their family.
- Pray for the youth in that ministry and for those who could be involved.
- Pray for our schools (Public, Private, Home).
- Pray for our church membership D-G

5- Wednesday

- Pray for College leaders by name and for their family.
- Pray for college students in that ministry and for those who could be involved.
- Pray for Missionaries and their field of call.
- Pray for our church membership H-L

6- Thursday

- Pray for Adult leaders by name and for their family.
- Pray for adults in our church and for those who could be involved.
- Pray that God would work in and strengthen our families.
- Pray that God would work in the lives of our singles.
- Pray for our church committees and their work.
- Pray for our church membership M-S

7- Friday

- Pray for Senior Adult leaders and for their family.
- Pray for Senior Adults in our church and for those who could be involved.
- Pray for Shut-ins.
- Pray for the bereaved.
- Pray that God would work in the lives of our Senior Adults.
- Pray for our Deacons by name and for their family.
- Pray for our church membership T-Z

8- Saturday

- Pray for our Music Ministry and for our worship on Sunday.
- Pray for our Music Ministry leaders and their family.
- Pray for our government leaders.
- Pray for our Military, Police, Fire and Rescue men and women.

Daily Prayer

Looking at the parts of the Disciple's prayer will help us be intentional during our prayer. So look at each one.

Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving

9b Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Our prayers start off with praise, adoration and thanksgiving to God. For who He is and what He has done. If we are not careful, our prayer times can turn into "I wanna" sessions. When we start off by praying, "God I want a this," or "God I need a that". Starting off with praise, adoration and thanksgiving helps us to remember who it is that we are talking to, the Creator, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, the I Am. Who does not owe us anything, but as a loving Father, desires to give us what we need.

Praying For God's Will

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. It is very easy to ask God for our will in a situation and not give one thought to what His will is. It is tempting for us to focus on the needs right in front of us and ignore the big picture that God has for the earth. So we spend time seeking His will and His kingdom.

Praying For Our Needs

11 Give us this day our daily bread. As humans we long for security. We desire to know what is going to come next week, next month and next year. But Jesus tells us to ask for bread daily. God desires to hear from you and speak to you every day, preferably several times a day until we get to that point where we "Pray without ceasing". The good news is, we have security. The Christian's long term goal is heaven, and when we are in Christ, that is secure. We also should draw comfort in knowing that we serve God who knows we need certain things. So He provides. But we should come to Him with our needs daily. This is not vain repetition unless we pray the same things over and over without meaning what we say.

Seeking Forgiveness

12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. The Bible is clear, our sin earns us death (Romans 6:23). Thus, we all need forgiveness. This time is an opportunity to ask God to forgive you of specific sins that you are aware of in your life. It is also a time to ask God to help you forgive others. Jesus made it clear in Matthew 6:14-15 that our forgiveness from God is tied to our forgiving others.

Praying For Spiritual Protection

13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. The devil and his minions are at work. They love nothing more than to seek defeated Christians and the name of God tarnished. Thus, we ask God for protection from their wiles. They have been doing this a long time. They don't have many weapons in their arsenal, but they know how and when to use them for greatest impact.

Start With Praise, End With Praise

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. It is all about God. So we start and end with praise on our lips.