



## Biblical Prayer Enjoying the Power and Confidence of Scripture-Centered Prayer

*“God’s divine power has given us everything we need for life and for godliness. This power was given to us through knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and integrity. Through his glory and integrity he has given us his promises that are of the highest value. Through these promises you will share in the divine nature because you have escaped the corruption that sinful desires cause in the world.”*

*2 Peter 1:3-4 NASB*



### 1. Relationship

**a. We enjoy the privilege of prayer because of our relationship with Christ. John 1:12-13**

*“As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13*

**b. God loves to hear your voice. God can tell your voice from the voice of others!**  
Hebrews 13:15

Which precious promises are you grateful for? Praise God for His promises and the privilege of being His child.

Lord, I praise you for: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. God’s Will is in His Word

*“Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.” Ps 119:89*

### 3. We Pray According to the Promises in God’s Word. God Fulfills His Promises!

Psalm 119: 1-2, 9-11, 89-90; 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 7:7, James 4:2, Isaiah 55:10-11

### 4. Jesus’s Example When Tempted in the Wilderness - “It is Written...”

Luke 4:4 “*‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’*” From Deut. 8:3

Luke 4:8 “*‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’*”

From Deut. 6:13

Luke 4:12 “*‘It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’*” From Deut. 6:16



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### Biblical Prayer Exercise: Praying Through the Bible

#### Praise, Repent, Intercede

#### **PASS 1 - Praise**

Turn to a scripture passage. Review passage as if doing a Bible study. Observe truths worthy of giving praise to God. Praise God for the truths you find in His Word.

#### **PASS 2 - Repent**

Based on the truths you find, repent of where you have fallen short of God's will.

#### **PASS 3 - Intercede**

Pray that God would help you to live out the truths that you find in His word.

#### **Scripture Focus: Psalm 27**

I praise God for: \_\_\_\_\_

I repent that I am not living up to: \_\_\_\_\_

I am asking the Lord to help me be better at: \_\_\_\_\_

**“Praying the scriptures give us the right vocabulary for prayer.”**

Pastor Daniel Henderson

**Why "Pray the Bible"?** from Matthew Henry's A Method for Prayer.

From: <https://www.matthewhenry.org/about/why-read-the-method-for-prayer/>

1 Praying scripturally will **teach us what prayer is**, even while we do it.

2 It will **correct "shopping list" views of prayer**, which abound in the Christian community.

3 It will begin to **solve in our own minds the question of "unanswered prayer."**

4 It will **remind us of just how much there is to pray** about day by day.

5 It will teach us the extreme **urgency of prayer**.

6 It will return proportion to prayers **long on petition, but short on adoration, confession, and thanksgiving**.

7 It will instruct us **how best to pray for ministers, missionaries, and one another**.

8 It will show us the **proper way to approach God in prayer**.

9 It will remind us of the **good things that God does** for us [which we sometimes take for granted].

10 It will remind us to **always give thanks to God**.

11 It will begin to engrave in our minds **biblical patterns of thought**, which can help immunize us from the enticing folly of the world's view of life.

12 It will force us to **rehearse the solemn warnings and precious promises** of God.

13 It will move us from our **inherent man-centeredness in prayer to a biblical, God-centered way of praying**.





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### Prayer-Focused Scripture Passages



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| I John 5:14-15 | Ask, according to His <u>will</u> . | Eph. 6:18 | Pray <u>at all times</u> , with all <u>prayer</u> .       |
| John 14:13-14  | Ask in His <u>name</u> .            | Luke 18:1 | Pray <u>always</u> , don't give up.                       |
| John 15:7      | Ask, according to His <u>Word</u> . | Matt 7:7  | <u>Ask/given</u> , <u>seek/find</u> , <u>knock/open</u> . |

### God-Centered Prayer vs Needs or Request-Based Prayer



1. Seeking God's **face** rather than seeking God's **hand**.  
*Psalm. 27:4, 8; 105:4; 2 Corinthians 3:18, Hebrews 11:6*

**In order to have a right view of prayer, we must have a right view of God.**

#### God-Centered Prayer

- Focuses on God, He is the only one worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. (Rev. 4:11)
- Is something all believers must do.
- When we worship, we encounter God and He reveals our true need. We can then bring our true need to Him.

#### Need or Request-Based Prayer

- Focuses on self or the current need. Can become self-centered or need-centered.
- Can teach people that they only need to come to God when they have a need or request.
- If we bring a need to God without encountering God first, we may miss God, not know our true need and/or not have our need met.

### God-Centered vs Self-Centered Prayer Format

- Use scripture/testimony/music to focus on God's nature, desires, perspective, activity, purposes, attributes, intentions, or promises.

- Rather than allowing people's fears, needs, misconceptions, agendas, self-centered desires, personal ambition, distractions, etc. to prevail.



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**Praying Blessings and Scripture-Based Prayers**



**Blessing of God: “God’s goodness, kindness, and favor on His children causing all that they do whether it be spiritual or temporal to prosper and succeed” Dr. Huegel**

These blessings are adapted from Bible benedictions. (Put the name of the person receiving the blessing in the blank)

\_\_\_\_\_ The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; \_\_\_\_\_ The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV

\_\_\_\_\_ Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:4-5 NKJV

\_\_\_\_\_ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NKJV

\_\_\_\_\_ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 NASB

\_\_\_\_\_ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, \_\_\_\_\_ always in every prayer of mine for [you all] making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you \_\_\_\_\_ will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6

\_\_\_\_\_ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. \_\_\_\_\_ We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10 NIV

