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 Bible Study Syllabus

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Introduction to Prayer Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6–7

**OBJECTIVES:** To learn the importance of prayer, types of prayer, basic concepts

of prayer, consequences of omitted prayer, and how to facilitate a fruitful

prayer life.

**INTRODUCTION:** Every Christian needs to understand the dynamics and

criticality of prayer. Prayer, simply stated, is communication with the Lord

that brings to the forefront in our Christian relationships such characteristics

as intimacy, clarity, and purpose. Without a victorious prayer life, the Christian

will be impotent, ineffective and eventually enter a path of both spiritual and natural retrogression.

**I. BASIC TYPES OF PRAYER =** [1 Tim. 2:1]

**A. Supplications, “Deesis”** (Entreating, continued, strong, and incessant

pleadings until prayer is answered) Eph. 6:18, Phil. 4:6, Acts 1:14, 1 Tim. 5:5

**B. Thanksgivings, “Eucharist”** (Gratefulness and appreciation toward

the Lord not based on circumstances) Ps. 100:4, Phil. 4:6, Col. 2:7, 2 Cor. 12:9, Eph. 5:20,

1 Thess. 5:18

**C. Intercessions, “Enteuxis”** (The prayer on behalf of another)

Exod. 32:11–14, Num. 16:22, John 17:9, 15, Rom. 8:26–27, 34, Luke 22:32, Acts 12:5,

Dan. 9:3–19, Isa. 53:12, Heb. 7:25, 1 John 5:16, Deut. 9:25–29, Gen. 20:1–8

**D. Prayers, “Aiteo”** (To ask or request something based on family position and redemptive rights) Phil. 4:6, 1 Tim. 5:5, Matt. 21:22, James 1:5–8, John 15:7, Matt 7:7–11, Luke 11:9–13

**II. BASIC PURPOSES OF PRAYER**

**A. Sanctify Food** 1 Tim. 4:4–5, Mark 8:6, Matt. 15:36, John 6:13, 1 Cor. 10:16

**B. For Enemies** Matt. 5:43–44, Luke 6:28, Job 42:10

**C. For Authorities** 1 Tim. 2:1

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**II. BASIC PURPOSES OF PRAYER**

**D. For Miracles** Acts 9:40, John 11:41–42

**E. To God in Jesus’ Name** Matt. 6:9, John 14:13–14, John 16:23–26,

1 Tim. 2:5, John 5:23, 14:6, 1 John 2:23, Acts 4:24, John 14:13–14

**F. Walking in Forgiveness** Matt. 6:14–15, Mark 11:25–26

**G. Prayer Warrior Ministry and By Name** Luke 2:36–37, Col. 4:12,

Eph. 1:16, Col. 1:9

**H. Examples of Unity** Acts 1:14, Acts 2:1, 46, Acts 4:24, 1 Pet. 3:7

**I. For Healings** James 5:15–16, Num. 12:13–14

**J. Prayer and Fasting** Mark 9:14–29, 1 Cor. 7:5, Jon. 3:5–10, Dan. 9:13

**K. For Laborers** Matt. 9:38, Luke 10:2, Acts 1:24–26

**L. Avoiding Temptation** Matt. 6:13, 26:41, John 17:15

**M. In Distress** Ps. 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 27, 46, 70, 80, 88, 120, 121, 123, 56

**N. Vigilance** Matt. 26:41, Col. 4:2, 1 Pet. 4:7, 5:8–9, Eph. 6:18

**O. Relationship with Intimacy and Cleansing** 1 John 1:7

**III. MODEL PRAYERS FOR PRAYER/STUDY**

• Matt. 6:9–13, Luke 11:2–4

• 1 Kings 8

• 1 Chron. 4:9–10

• Ps. 51, 2 Chron. 33, 2 Kings 21

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• Jon. 2, Ps. 130

• Ps. 12, 88

• Col. 1:9–13, Col. 4:2–4

• Eph. 1:15–19

• Phil. 1:9–11

• John 17

• Prov. 30:7–9

**IV. DISPENSATIONAL PRAYERS =** [necessary for accuracy, attitude, and understanding]

**A. Law** Ps. 109:1–20, Ps. 5, 10, 35

**B. Grace** Luke 23:43, Acts 7:60, 2 Tim. 4:16, Matt. 5:43–44

**C. Tribulation** Rev. 6:10–11

**D. Millennial** Isa. 65:24 (18–25)

**V. FIVE ANSWERS TO PRAYER**

**A. Yes** 1 Sam. 30:1–8, 2 Sam. 5:19, 1 Sam. 1:27

**B. No** 2 Cor. 12:9, 2 Sam. 5:22–25

**C. Wait** Acts 1:4–5, 1 Cor. 7:27, 2 Sam. 5:22–25

**D. What needed for and given, but not prayed for when given**

1 Kings 3:5–13, 2 Chron. 1:7–12

**E. Silence** 1 Sam. 28:5–6, Deut. 28:23

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**VI. HOW TO PRAY =** [correct attitude/mechanics]

**A. Sinners should pray/consider thusly** James 4:7, Acts 16:30–31, Rom. 10:9–10, 13,

Isa. 55:6–7, Luke 18:13, Prov. 28:13

**B. Backsliders should pray/consider thusly** 2 Chron. 7:14, 33:12–13, Isa. 1:15, Isa. 38:1–3, Zech. 7:8–13, Ps. 51, Deut. 28:23, Ps. 66:18, Prov. 28:9, Jon. 2

**C. For the saved** (in Jesus’ name) John 14:14, Col. 3:17

**1. Prayer extends unto God** 1 Pet. 3:12, Dan. 10:12, Prov. 15:29, Ps. 141:2, Rev. 5:8, 1 John 5:14–15

**2. Lifestyle of prayer** Rom. 12:12, Matt. 8:8, Ps. 1:2, Josh. 1:8, 1 Tim. 2:8, Neh. 1:11, 2:4, 6:5–9, 13:29–31, Jude 20, Dan. 6:10, Ps. 5:3, Ps. 88:1–2, Ps. 88:13, Ps. 55:16–17

**3. Disciplined postures**

• **Thankfulness and praise** Ps. 100:4, Ps. 18, 2 Sam. 22

• **Take time for prayer** Luke 9:18, Mark 6:46, Rom. 12:12, Luke 6:12

• **Always recognize a need for prayer** Matt. 26:41, 1 Thess. 5:17

• **Listening when praying** Ps. 73:17, Ps. 77

• **“Helplessness” in prayer** Dan. 4:34–37, Ps. 51:17, Luke 23:40–42

**4. Purposed positional confidence** John 15:7, 1 John 3:22

**5. Expectation** Mark 11:24, 1 John 5:14–15, Prov. 15:29, 1 Pet. 3:12, John 11:41–42

**6. Weaponry** Eph. 6:18, Matt. 16:19

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**VIII. HOW NOT TO PRAY =** [incorrect attitudes/mechanics]

**A. Out of position** (but they think they’re in position) 1 Sam. 28:5–6,

Isa. 1:15, Isa. 59:1–2, 1 Pet. 3:7, Judg. 16:20, Ps. 66:18

**B. Self-Centered/Self-Righteousness/Comparisions** Luke 18:9–14

**C. Pharisaical Spotlight** Mark 12:38–40, Matt. 6:5–8, Matt. 23

**D. Instability** James 1:5–8

**E. Ulterior Motive** James 4:3

**F. False Gods** 1 Kings 18:17–40, Ps. 115:1–8, 1 Chron. 10:13–14, 1 Sam. 28

**G. Negligence** 1 Sam. 12:25, 2 Chron. 16:12–13

**IX. SOME RESULTS OF A DORMANT PRAYER LIFE**

**A. Lack of Power** Matt. 26:41, Jude 20, Luke 22:40–46

**B. Evil Directions** 2 Chron. 33:10, 1 Kings 11:1–11

**CONCLUSION** Prayer is communication with the Lord that basically includes

proper attitude, proper mechanics, and proper position. As we absorb

and assimilate this information, we ultimately must still keep prayer pure and

simple. Moreover, we must always know the paramount issue is … to pray.

**REVIEW**

• Explain some benefits and the importance of prayer.

• Explain the ramifications of a dormant prayer life.

• What are some types of prayer?

• Examine your prayer life privately. What improvements can you

make?

**KEY TERMS**

supplications – intercessions – individual – corporate prayer – thanksgivings

thankfulness – prayer - negligence

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