

PRAYER

- Every person desire to speak to God - Iyov 9:32-35
- Yeshua is the Road / Way to the Father - Yoganan 14:6, 10:7, Mat 11:27

I. Purpose & Aim of Prayer.

1. Main purpose of the Church - Mat 21:13, Mark 11:17
2. Creational purpose of man - Phil 3:10,11
3. Prayer & works go together - Yir 33:3, Ya'akov 5:16
4. Spiritual Growth (God's honour) - I Cor 10:31, Acts 6:4
The Messianic Unity (Fellowship) - Yoganan 17, Exo 25:22
World Evangelism (Passion) - Luka 10:2 ; Rom 10:1,2
5. Break down strongholds - Spiritual Warfare - II Cor 10:4

II. Definitions.

1. Prayer is: a moment by moment revelation of God's will.
2. The meaning of prayer is to draw nearer to God and not to the answer - Oswald Smith.
3. Development of a Love for God - Dan 11:32 / Hos 6:3,6 / To Know = "Yada"
 - Doing of Spiritual business. (Command things) - Mat 18:18,19
 - Drawing of Spiritual Power. (Call upon God) - Eliyahu I Kings 18:37,38 / Yehosaphat II Chron 18:31
 - Receive Spiritual secrets. - Dan 2:21,22 / Prov 8:13 / Ps 31:19,20 / Ps 25:12-14
4. Power line - Link between God and man - Read Y'hoshua 7.

III. Character of a person who prays.

1. Selfless - Rom 6:11-13 / I Yoganan 2:15 / Gal 2:20
2. Balanced - I Cor 4:2 / 6:19,20 / 9:25
3. Humble - II Sh'm 22:28 / Num. 12:3,8 / Ps 25:9 / 147:6 / Ya'akov 4:6
4. Compassionate - Eph 5:2 / Mark 8:2

IV. Prayers which are not answered.

1. Wrong motives - Ya'akov 4:3
2. Sin in the heart - Yes 59:1,2 / Ps 66:18
3. Idols in your life - Yeg 14:1-3
4. Unforgiveness - Mark 11:25
5. Not willing to give - Prov 21:13
6. Treat family (wife) wrongly - I Kefa 3:7
7. Unbelief - Ya'akov 5:15 / Mat 9:29
8. Pride - Ps 25:9
9. Not 100% consecrated - Yir 29:13 / Hebr 11:6
10. Unthankfulness -
11. Hurried - Some times it is necessary to wait for God's time - Ps 69:13 / Mikah 7:7
12. Spiritual Warfare necessary - Dan 10

Remember there are 3 voices. God / Self / Satan - Discern in order to be sure that it is the voice of God you hear.

V. Steps to effective prayer.

1. Ask:

- Intelligently - Mat 26:41
- Continuously - Luka 18:1
- Earnestly - Luka 22:44
- Systematically - Yes 41:21

2. Pray - pressing through:

- Use scripture - II Sh'm 7:25
- From the Throne through the Throne - Y'hudah :20
- To the problem - Through Scripture, Throne, Grace and the Set Apart Spirit
- Towards the answer - He is Father, He wants to answer us.

3. Grow in intensity:

- Ask]
- Seek] Mat 7:7,8
- Knock]

VI. Complete Prayer.

A. Yeshua's Model for prayer.

Mat 26:40 : " Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?" He asked Kefa. Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." "

Eph 6:18 : "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Mat 6:9-13 : "This, then, is how you should pray:"

It is an unselfish prayer focusing on us and not on me only.

1. ENTRANCE PROCLAMATION: ""Our Father in heaven,..."

- Recognise and proclaim that God became your Father through the Blood of Yeshua on the Cross.

You can now come into the Most Set Apart place because of the Blood of Yeshua.

- Praise and Worship Him for:

Who He is - His Character & being - Love, Patience, Grace and Forgiveness.

What He did - Provision, Caring, Protection, Forgiveness, Healing etc.

Who you are in Him - Child, Heir, Friend, New, etc.

What you have in Him - Security, Protection, Fullness, etc.

2. WORSHIP PROCLAMATION: " Hallowed be your name,..."

- Go into His Presence with thanksgiving - Say thank You.

- Into His temple with joy - Praise Him

- Worship Him - Set Apart is His Name - Use His Names which represent His Character, to glorify Him. This is just some of His names - (refer the seperate teaching on theNames of God)

יהוה is pronounced only as Adonai (Hebr) by Jews and in the New Testament, it is translated as

Lord - Kurios (Gr.) We normally pronouns it as Yahuah or Yahweh according to history.

יהוה-Ropheka Yahuah that Healeth Thee. Ex 15:26

יהוה-Megaddeshkem Yahuah Who Sanctifies you - set you apart. Ex 31:13

יהוה - Ts'va'ot	Yahuah of Hosts.	I Sh'm 1:3
יהוה - Elyon	Yahuah Most High.	Ps 7:17
יהוה - Rafa	Yahuah my Shepherd.	Ps 23:1
יהוה - Yireh	Yahuah my Provider.	Gen. 22:14
יהוה - Nissi	Yahuah is my Banner.	Ex 17:15
יהוה - Shalom	Yahuah 's Peace be unto you.	Judge 6:24
יהוה - Shammah	Yahuah s there (Here).	Yeg 48:35
יהוה - Tzidkenu	Yahuah our Righteousness.	Yir 33:6
יהוה - El Shaddai	Yahuah More than enough	Gen 35:11
יהוה - El Olam	Yahuah Eternal God.	Deut 33:27

3. KINGDOM PROCLAMATION: " Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Pray God's will, plans and purpose:

- a. Pray for the World - remember the unreached
- b. Pray for your Continent and region.
- c. Pray for your Country - Government, Leaders, The Church
- d. Pray for your Local Church - Pastor/s, Members, House Church, Growth, your part in the Kingdom, new Converts.
- e. Pray for your Home - And work and personal friends. Call your family by name before the Father. Your enemies and problems.

4. PROVISION PROCLAMATION: " Give us today our daily bread."

- Ask your Father for all your needs today. Be specific.
- Pray for the famine in the World.
- Needs of the Family, Church, Country etc.

5. RELATIONSHIP PROCLAMATION: " Forgive us our wrongdoings, as we also have forgiven those that do wrong against us. "

- Search your heart - Forgive and be forgiven.
- Receive His forgiveness for your personal & private sins - Pride, jealousy etc. through the Blood of Yeshua.
- Do restitution with people. Make sure you are clean before God and man.

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

- Resist the Devil and he will flee from you - Proclaim your victory over him
- In the Name of Yeshua.
- Ask the Father to keep you from being seduced and making mistakes - especially at your weak points.
- Put on the full armour of God Eph 6:10 - Dress yourself with The Messiah.

7. THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION: " For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. "

- Enjoy the presence of Yahuah through Praise and Worship unto His Greatness, His Absolute Authority, His Almighty Control and His Unchangeable Faithfulness.
- Recognise God's ability and might and thank Him in trust for the answer to your prayer.

B. The Hour that changes the World.

A 12 point plan. Spend 5 minutes on each subject and pray an hour of power.

- Pray with your Mind
- Pray in the Spirit
- 1 - Praise & Worship - Ps 63:3
- 2 - Wait - Ps 46:10
- 3 - Confess - Ps 139:23
- 4 - The Word - Yir 23:29
- 5 - Meditation - Y'ho 1:8
- 6 - Listen - Ecc 5:2
- 7 - Watch - Col 4:2
- 8 - Songs - Ps 100:2
- 9 - Intercession - I Tim 2:1,2
- 10 - Requests - Mat 7:7
- 11 - Thanksgiving - I Thess 5:18
- 12 - Praise & Worship - Ps 52:9

C: Another Programme for prayer

1. Praise God:

1.1 For Who He is:

- Love - Forgiveness - Patience - Redemption
- Provider - Alpha & Omega - Creator - Almighty

1.2 For what He has done:

- Redemption - my own life etc.

1.3 For who I am:

- Child - New - Heir - Privileged

1.4 For what I have:

- Security - Power - Protection - Victory
- Fulfilment - Strength

2. Find God's will for the future by being quiet and in anticipation. Keep your Bible at hand and make sure you are open to hear God's will.

3. Thank him for His answers and for the doors which should be opened.

Through any of these complete methods you will be able to enter Life with Confidence, beaming and triumphant.

They can also be used at meetings or where the Children of God come together to pray.

VII. Program for a Night of Prayer.

Sleep enough before the time so as not to be tired. We do not test our ability to stay awake, we want to spend time with God. This can be part of a time of fasting or light refreshments can be available in between.

Pray with the mind and with the Spirit.

Be open to Minister and be ministered to throughout the night.

Teaching in between is important.

This is not the sequence but the items.

1. Praise & Worship
2. Thanksgiving
3. Are you willing to hear God's voice - Determine the cost
4. Are you forgiven - did you forgive.
5. Commitment to God's will and Discipline
6. Needs of the World, Country, Church, Local Church, Family and self.
7. Commitment to God
8. Wait upon the Lord
9. Intercession
10. Spiritual Warfare
11. Singing
12. Meditation on Word
13. Missions & own commitment
14. A People group on your heart
15. God's next step in my life

VIII. Praise Him through:

1. Thanksgiving. - Ps 100:4 / Phil 4:6
2. Worship / Honouring Him - Ps 67:3 / Hebr 13:15
3. Song - Eph 5:19
4. Experience His presence - Ps 27:4 / Ya'akov 2:23
5. Fasting

IX. How do I pray?

A. Attitude:

1. Not to be seen - Mat 6:5,6 / 23:14
2. Not empty words - Mat 6:7 / Ya'akov 5:17 / Hebr 11:6
3. In unity - Acts 1:14
4. Persevere - Mat 26:41 / Rom 12:12 / Luka 2:37 / 18:1 / Phil 4:2 / I Thess 5:17
5. In Faith - Mark 11:24 / Mat 21:21,22 / 17:20,21
6. Thanksgiving - I Thess 1:2 / Eph 1:16
7. With Fasting - Acts 10:30 / 13:3 / 14:23 / I Cor 7:5
8. Put God's will first & pray according to His will - Mat 26:29
9. Forgive others - Mark 11:25
10. Humble - Luka 18:19 / II Chron 7:14
11. In the Name of Yeshua - Yoganan 16:26 / I Yoganan 4

B. How:

1. Pray with the mind I Cor 14:13-15
2. Pray in the Spirit Rom 8:26
3. Use the complete Prayer guides.

C. Time

1. Alone - Mat 6:6 / 14:23 / Mark 6:46 / Luka 5:16
2. 2 Together - Mat 18:19
3. Group - Mat 26:36 / Luka 9:28 / Acts 4:31 / 2:42
4. Through the night - Luka 6:12 / Acts 16:25
5. Early in the morning - Acts 10:9 / Mark 1:35 / S of Songs 7:12
6. Fixed times - Acts 3:1

D. Conduct

1. Lift up set apart hands - I Tim 2:8
2. Kneel - Acts 9:40 / 21:10
3. On your face - Mat 26:29 / Mark 14:35
4. Song - Acts 16:25
5. Tears - Hebr 5:7
6. Oil - Ya'akov 5:14
7. Laying on of hands - Mark 5:23 / Mat 19:13 / Acts 6:6
8. Fasting

X. Things we pray (Ask) for.

1. To bless our enemies. - Mat 5:44 / Luka 6:29
2. To protect, help, guide Missionaries - Mat 9:38 / Luka 10:2
3. Our Children's guidance - Mat 19:13 / Luka 1:13
4. Our Needs - Matt 26:29,36,53 / Phil 4:6 / Ya'akov 5:13
5. Healing - Mark 5:23 / Ya'akov 5:14,16 / Acts 28:8
6. Strength for attacks and temptations - Luka 21:36 / Yoganan 17:15 / I Thess 5:22
7. Filling With & guidance of the Set Apart Spirit - Yoganan 14:16 / Luka 11:13 / Acts 4:31
8. Help other believers - Yoganan 17:9 / II Cor 13:7 / Col 4:12 / Eph 6:18
9. Forgiveness - Acts 8:22,24 / I Yoganan 1:9 / II Tim 4:16
10. To bless others - II Thess 1:11
11. Choices - Acts 1:24
12. Raising of the dead - Acts 9:40
13. Changes in nature - Ya'akov 5:17
14. Preparation for Spiritual warfare - Mat 17:21
15. Consecrate people - Acts 14:23
16. Before traveling - Acts 21:5
17. Salvation of people - Rom 10:1
18. Guide Authority - I Tim 2:1-4
19. Unreached Nations 10/40 Window

Prayer must become a moment by moment lifestyle. A moment by moment contact with the Father.

{ Pray down divine power - Rom 15:30-31 / Eph 6:18,19.

{ Pray open closed doors - Col 4:2,3 / I Tim 2:1,2

{ Pray away Spiritual darkness - 2 Cor 4:3,4 / Dan 10:2

{ Pray in Financial assistance - Rom 10:14,15

XI Intercession.

Yeg 22:30-31

1. Tanakh - Yes 53:12 "Paga" = To stand against
= To stand in between

For Warfare & interceding.

2. N C - II Cor 1:11 / I Tim 5:5 "Huperentugehano" = More than and on behalf of someone
"Entuxis" = To get the King's ear for somebody

3. Intercession is to work alongside God = With Mind
= With Spirit
4. Everybody are called to intercession. It is not a specific ministry.
5. Effective along with Fasting.

XII Results of Prayer.

1. Build your faith - Y'hudah :20
2. You share in the fruits of whatever happen - II Cor 1:11
3. It is answered - Acts 10:31 / Luka 1:13
4. Experience the presence of God - Luka 9:29
5. God speaks and commands - Acts 10:30
6. Is moved by the Spirit - Acts 11:5 / 22:17
7. The Spirit falls on people and fill them - Luka 3:21

XIII God answers prayer

Ps 119:26 / I Yoganan 5:14,15

1. It flows from the dwelling place of God, our hearts - Rev 3:20
Yoganan 14:16,17,23 / I Cor 6:19 / Mat 10:19
2. It must be sought after - Yoganan 10:4,27 / Prov 11:14 / Ya'akov 4:7,8
3. We must respond obediently - Yes 30:21,23 / I Yoganan 3:22 - In time (President vs. God)
4. Methods God uses to answer:
 - a. Audible - Acts 9:3-5 / Exo 19:19
 - b. Visions - Acts 16:6-9
 - c. Dreams - Mat 2:13
 - d. Spiritual gifts - I Cor 12:4-10
 - e. Circumstances - Prov 3:5-6
 - f. Inner voice - I Kings 19:11-13
 - g. Word of God - II Tim 3:16,17

XIV Steps to God's will & Answers.

1. Be neutral - willing to accept the answer both ways.
2. Get rid of blockages - Ps 66:18 / 24:4
3. Have an expectancy - Phil 2:13
4. Remind God of His promises - Yes 62:6-8
5. Does it bring honour to God - Eph 1:12
6. Does scripture agree / Will of God - Ps 119:111 / I Cor 6:19
7. Test with Spiritual leaders /
Unity - Heb 13:17 / Mat 18:19 Ps 133:1-3 / Eph 4:2,3 / I Kefa 3:7
8. Does it fall within your gifts and talents - I Kefa 4:10
9. Must have a forgiving spirit - Mat 6:9-11 / Mark 11:25
10. Ask God to show through your desire - Ps 37:4 / Mark 11:24 / Mat 9:29
11. Pray in faith - Mark 11:24 / Mat 9:29 / Ya'akov 5:15
12. Live in unity with Yeshua - Yoganan 15:7
13. Do not be double minded - Ya'akov 1:6,7
14. Pray with authority - Yoganan 15:16 / Mark 11:24
15. Act in faith
16. Wait upon God's time -
17. Ask for a sign - Gideon - Be careful of signs

- 18. Persevere - Luka 11:5-8 Through Spiritual Warfare
- 19. Have peace - Col 3:15
- 20. Pray to the Father, through the Spirit in the Name of Yeshua - Col 3:17 / Phil 4:6 / Eph 6:18.

XV FASTING

- Hebrews "Tsuwm" = To close the mouth = Not eating for religious reasons
- Luka 4:1-14 - After fasting He could use the power of the Set Apart Spirit.
- Rom 12:1 - Brings our body under control; Gal 5:17
- I Cor 9:27 - Teaches the body to be obedient
- Mat 6:2,6,16 - 3 principles of how to do things taught by Yeshua - giving, praying, fasting.
- The Bible teaches it, but the Church has neglected it totally, even see it as something of the past.
- Fasting put the body under submission of the Spirit and thus places my soul, spirit and body under the control of the Set Apart Spirit.
- Creates a more directed and more powerful prayer life.
- Yes 58 :1-6 = False teachings and fasting
 - :7- = What we must do to fast and the promises.

When the N.C. Church was looking for guidance or had to take important decisions, or separated people for His work, they did not have meetings and talks but fasted and prayed.

Acts 13:2 ; 14:23 ; 13:3 Also see Yo'el 1:13-15 ; 2:12-14

In the Tanakh fasting was a law. Everybody had to fast once a year. Later people started to fast according to their own needs and the needs of the people.

In the New Testament the Pharisees fasted twice a week - a ritual - a law.

Lets look at a few reasons and concepts in the New Covenant - therefor also for us:

- Mat 17:21 - Mat 9:14,15 - Acts 13:2,3 - Mat 6:16-18 - Acts 10:30
- Acts 14:23 - Acts 27:33 - I Cor 7:5

- Fast when you desire a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God. All other results and reasons will and must flow from this. There is no other reason to fast. Through fasting we build our trust for healing, we grow in understanding of God's will etc. which is all flowing from the deeper relationship I build with Him.

- Do not start off for too long. If you have never fasted before, start with a day and then slowly increase. In the Bible there are different lengths of fasting.

Lev 16:17-31 (1) ; Ester 4:16 (3) ; Acts 10:30 (4) ; II Sh'm 12:16 (7) ;

Acts 27:33 (14) Dan 10:2,3 (21) ; Ex 34:28 , I Kings 19:8 , Mat 4:1,2 (40).

- People talk about different types of fasting where you eat only fruit etc. but I only see a total fast in the Bible. Some say: "Do not go without water - our body do need that." Listen to God at all times. At a place of intimacy with God, even water's need will disappear.
- Times of fasting must be spend with God, seeking His face at all available times. Even if you go to work you must spend lunch time and all available times with God. Make sure that your conduct even then reflects Yeshua to others.

Because of all the poisons in your body before fasting you might experience :

- Head aches
- Dizziness and nauseousness
- Bad breath
- A hard stomach - eat some dried fruits etc. before you start fasting
- Tiredness - get enough sleep

All this will start to disappear after 7 days when all the poisons are worked out of the body. Do not drink coffee or tea a few days before you start a fast. If you eat something by accident during a fast, just ignore it and carry on, as if starting all over - Yahuah do understand our heart. You fast until you get the answer.

You can and may fast in groups which have much power.
Judges 20:26 ; II Chron 20 ; Ezra 8:21-23 ; Yo'el 1:14

- How not to fast:

Yes 58:3-5 " 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to יהוה?"

- Let us see what God do expect: (The promises for that is highlighted)

Yes 58:6-14 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? **"Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of יהוה will be your rear guard."** **"Then you will call, and יהוה will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I.** "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, **then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. יהוה will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."**

"Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

How to break a fast?

- You break a fast gradually and in accordance with the time you fasted - the longer the fast, more gradually the breaking there-of.

XVI Guidelines to pray for Missionaries and people in Ministry:

- People in ministry need committed, self sacrificing, people praying daily.

Week 1:

- Day 1 - His personal relationship with God
2 - His physical and emotional life
3 - His family life
4 - His Communication ability ; language, culture, opportunities
5 - His ministry
6 - His working together with others
7 - His field of ministry ; concentrating, not side tracked

Week 2:

- Day 1 - Favour with God - grace
2 - Favour with men and authority
Preaching of the Word only - only the Truth
3 - Pure vision - guidance of the Set Apart Spirit
Greater revelation of the will of God.
4 - Up building of spirit, soul and body
Spirit filled and pure life
5 - Protection against attacks - Ps 91 - physical, emotional , spiritual
Resist the devil - against the plans and attacks of demonic forces
6 - Priorities in his life and for his relationships
7 - His family, marriage, finances etc.

Study all the prayers in the Bible and see how they used these principles.

" Father, make me faithful in my prayer life. "

Specific prayers in the Bible

Old Covenant: Gen. 18:16-33; 24:42-45
Ex 32:11-14; 31-34
Y'ho 7:6-9
2 Sh'm 7:18-29
2 Chron 20:5-14
Ezra 9:6-10,2
Neg 1:4-11; 9:5-10, 39
Iyov 42:1-6
Ps 51; 54; 55; 57; 58; 61; 141
Yes 37:14-20; 38:2-3
Yir 18:19-23; 32:17-25
Dan 2: 18-22; 9:3-19

New Covenant: Luka 10:21-22; 18:11-14; 22:42-44
Yoganan 11:41-42; chapter 17
Acts 4:24-31
Phillipians 1:9-12