



Prayer Begins and Ends with God.

September 2013

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...” (Matthew 6:9).

Heaven is not only the Father’s home, but also ours. We are to live there in our hearts.

Jesus started to pray by looking up, an act of praise. He immediately thought of God as His Father. Here was something utterly new. The God in glory was now the God resident within the believer. Yet the world in which Christ was living and working was not as heaven should be. There was dissonance between what He knew of God and what He knew the world to be. So He prayed for heaven’s presence and power to become real, rich, and tangible on earth.

In this first line of the prayer, Jesus began by focusing His thinking and His praying on God in heaven. Nothing would distract Him from this. Prayer begins with God and prayer ends with God. Jesus didn’t merely think of God. He thought of God in sinless, radiant, perfect, uncreated glory. Unlike any of us, Jesus thought of heaven as the dwelling place of God because He knew exactly what heaven was like. He came from there and was going to return there. He was reflecting on the glories of heaven from personal experience. Therefore, the center of His existence was there. This reality—of heaven’s power and glory—was the reality that would need to “come to earth.”

–Taken from [Power Praying \(Hearing Jesus’ Spirit by Praying Jesus’ Prayer\)](#) by David Chotka

Father in heaven, Your name is holy and worthy to be praised. Continue to make me aware of the glory and power of Your name so that I never barge into Your Presence with my list of requests. May my desire always be to honor and respect You above all other things, people and situations.

Continued on next page...

Prayer Points

As one who professes to “believe in the Holy Spirit,” praise God for his indwelling of all believers. Give thanks for his intimacy and power. Confess any tendency to rely on your own strength rather than God’s. Commit to becoming more sensitive to God’s ongoing presence. Ask God to increase your consciousness of continual companionship with him.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill each of your family and friends, bringing a deep sense of his presence. Ask him to fill your household with his power.

Prayer Pointer

“Prayers not felt by us are seldom heard by God.” —Philip Henry

Prayer Points taken from [Patterns for Prayer](#) by Alvin VanderGriend

Connection (Devotions for Everyday Life) © 2013 is published by [Harvest Prayer Ministries](#). Subscribe free at [connection.harvestprayer.com](#)

How to Pray for New York State

Here are some simple suggestions to start praying for New York. Always begin by thanking God for who He is, the Creator, the God of all compassion, peace, and unconditional love for everyone on earth.

Pray for all government leaders – 1Timothy 2:1-4

Pray with respect for their authority, and with a thankful heart.
Pray that God’s peace would cover our state.
Pray for godliness to govern our state.
Pray for a revelation of the truth of Jesus to grow in the hearts and minds of our leaders

Let Your Kingdom come! – Matthew 6:10

Declare God’s purposes for our state
Declare righteousness, godly order and justice in our state
Proclaim the rule of God’s scepter of righteousness in our state –
Psalm 45-6
Release the blessings and benefits of God’s kingdom into our state.

Pray for the Spheres of Influence over New York State

Media – Pray for truth and morality to be presented.
Proverbs 12:9-22, Ephesians 4:29, Philippians 4:8

Government – Pray for our leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity,
1Kings 3:28, 1Timothy 2:1-2, Exodus 18-21, Proverbs 11-3,
Romans 13-1-2

Education – Pray for safety, morally sound instruction and wholesome environments. Deuteronomy 11;18-19, Psalm 34-7,
Matthew 19:14, Psalm 90:16-17

Business – Pray that God will rise up His ambassadors in the workplace. Matthew 5:14-16, Galatians 6:9, proverbs 29:2,
Exodus 31:3-5

Church – Pray for unity and boldness in proclaiming God’s Word.
Matthew 16:18-19, Ephesians 4:3-6, Acts 16:15

Family - Pray that families will follow godly principles.
Joshua 24:15, Psalm 127:3-5, Ephesians 5:21, Mark 3:25

Arts/Entertainment – Pray that movies, books, music and television reflect God’s truth, purity, wisdom and integrity.
James 3:17, 1 Timothy 1:5, 1 Peter 2:11, Galatians 5:16,
Romans 8:1-5, Proverbs 4:7