

**Intro: Romans 1:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

-Choosing to be a slave for life.

**1. Personal and Private Prayer.**

**Matthew 6:5-9 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup> "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**2. Praise and Thanksgiving in Prayer.**

**Matthew 6:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Philippians 1:9-11 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

<sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

<sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Philippians 4:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

### **3. Power of Petition in Prayer.**

#### **Matthew 6:10-13 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

### **4. People Problems and Potential in Prayer**

#### **1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

<sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

<sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

<sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

#### **2 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup>We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

#### **2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

<sup>12</sup>so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **5. Persistence in Prayer.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing,

### **Matthew 7:7-8,11 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

<sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ...

<sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

**Invitation:** Putting it into practice this week ... & right now.