

I. The priority of prayer

A. Jesus is our example in prayer

B. Jesus is our teacher in prayer

II. The relationship of prayer

A. We have a loving Heavenly Father

"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit that calls out "Abba" Father. So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:6-7)

B. We have permission to talk with him

C. We are invited to trust him

III. The pattern for prayer

A. We pray for God's name to be honored

1. We affirm that prayer through an obedient life

B. We pray for God's kingdom to come

1. We pray for God's rule in our present life

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

2. We pray for God's rule in the future life

"The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

C. We pray for God's will to be done

1. We live it out through a surrendered life

"I desire to do your will, o my God; your law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

D. We pray for God's daily provision

1. We realize that God is our provider

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." (I Timothy 6:17)

2. We confess our complete dependence on God

E. We pray for God's forgiveness for our sins

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

1. We chose to forgive others

"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13)

F. We pray for God's protection

1. We pray for God's help with temptation

"For is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

2. We pray for God's deliverance from the devil

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." (John 17:15)