

# When You Pray - Praise

Today we're wrapping up the series "When You Pray". I hope it's been a blessing to you. I hope it's helped you grow in your prayer life and given you greater perspective of who God is and what He does.

I believe if we get this, if we are effective in prayer, powerful in prayer, we not only will see our lives change but the lives of all of those around us.

*"When the devil sees a man or woman who really believes in prayer, who knows how to pray, and who really does pray, and, above all, when he sees a whole church on its face before God in prayer, he trembles as much as he ever did, for he knows that his day in that church or community is at an end."*

R.A. Torrey

Today can we declare that satan's day in this church is at an end?

Today can we declare that satan's day in this community is at an end?

I'm believing for it church! As we wrap this series up today, it's going to be powerful and it's going to shake the heavens and the earth! And it's not going to be my words but YOURS as we wrap up in giving God praise for what He's done!

## **Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)**

In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

When you pray.....know God as Father, loving, always there for you, arms open wide waiting for you, wanting to pull you close to Him

.....know He is holy, above all things and the name of Jesus is above all names, there is none like our God. He is supernatural yet near to His children

When you pray....know that Jesus is King and that He will one day rule and reign on the earth but that today He can reign in you and through you

When you pray.....know that He has plans and desires for you and they are greater than what you have for yourself and if you will submit to the Holy Spirit, His plans and desires will be carried out in your life

When you pray....know that Jesus is your provider, He provides for your physical needs through resources, opportunities, and instruction. Know that He allows you to have what you have and all that you have is a blessing.

When you pray....know that God will forgive you every single time you ask, His grace is abundant, His love is unending and as you experience that grace and love, you won't be able to help but pour it out on others.

When you pray....know that God won't send you anywhere that He isn't willing to go with you. Sometimes you will be tempted but He is with you and if you submit to Him, He will deliver you from evil, He will protect you! Jesus is victory!

When you pray like this....you will see Jesus move in your life....Do you believe it?

**Matthew 6:13b (NKJV)**

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

See with a closing like that, it kind of wraps up all of these truths about prayer and turns to praise.

Do you know that there is no end to Jesus' kingdom? It's forever....He, not satan, will rule and reign for eternity....an endless period of time!

Do you know that the power belongs to Jesus? The power to change lives...the power over sin and death....the power over every spiritual and physical thing....the power to break every chain....it's all His....and there is no end to that power!

Do you know that the glory is His as well? He should get the credit for every blessing because He is the blesser. He is the one to praise for what has been done because it was only by His provision and power.....Jesus will be glorified forever. He is good, holy, just, mighty, and glorious. Can we praise Him today?

Today I want to praise Him with our testimonies. If God has done something in your life and you want to give Him glory and praise Him, come on up and line up in this first row.

C.S. Lewis, argued that “it takes a community of people to get to know an individual person.” Lewis frequently met with J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, and many others. Lewis observed that “some aspects of his friend’s personality were brought out only through interaction with a second friend.” If you think about this, you might realize that a person you know might act slightly differently when alone with you or when with a larger group. Lewis said, “By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets.”

C.S. Lewis says, “We should pray and praise together because the more we share the Heavenly Bread between us, the more we shall all have.”

*“I don’t care where it is, what part of the world it’s in, if we have a praise church we’ll have successful christianity.”*

Dwight L. Moody

*“Satan so hates the genuine praise of Christ that his fiery darts of discouragement are not effective against us when we respond in praise.”*

William Thrasher