

Courageous Living

Inspired By God
and
Inspiring To Others!

What Does A Courageous Christian Look Like and From Where Does Courage Come?

Courageous Christians
Have A
Dynamic Prayer Life!

Prayer Is Communicating With God

- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, have a relationship with us in prayer.
- We pray to the Father, through Son, with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- There are several different types or forms of prayer.
 - Classification isn't as important as Application.
- The empowerment from this experience of prayer gives us Courage to live out our faith.

Jesus, Modeled Prayer
In Purposing His Sacrificial Life, In
His Ministry, And Now In His
Glorified State.

Hebrews 10:5-7 (NLT2)

“...when Christ came into the world, he said to God, ‘You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin. Then I said, ‘Look, I have come to do your will, O God—as is written about me in the Scriptures.’”

Hebrews 5:7 (NIV)

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Hebrews 7:25 (NLT2)

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

Consider Just the Prayers of Jesus of
Which We Have A Record



If We Are To Imitate The Prayer Life
of Jesus,
We Will Be People of Prayer
Both
Individually and Collectively.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but
in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your
requests to God.

“Anxiety Is An Opportunity”

Purposes In Prayer

– A.C.T.S.

- Adoration
 - Confession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Supplication

Forms of Prayer

- Personal and/or Private
 - In Matthew 6:5, 6 the Lord tells His disciples to pray privately.
- Public and/or Communal
 - Acts 4:24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

Adoration: Praise From A Heart Of Love

Psalm 100:1-5 (NIV)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Confession: An Avenue of Spiritual Healing

- 1 John 1:9 (NIV)
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- James 5:16 (NIV)
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Prayers Can Be Sung

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

Thanksgiving: Gratitude Expressed Privately and Communally

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (NIV)
pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV)
Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Supplication: Making Requests For Self And Others.

- “Supplication” occurs nearly 60 times in Scripture. In most cases, it’s a person asking God for something on their own behalf. **It’s Not Selfish To Do So!**
- “Supplication” is also made on behalf of others. That is often what we call “Intercession.”
- 1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)
I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

The Early Church Found Strength In Praying Collectively

- Church Historian, Everett Ferguson wrote of the prayers of the Church:
 - "The prayers preserved a strong sense of the community, of life in the church, in which the welfare of all was bound together. Thus Christians prayed together, and prayed 'our Father.' Prayer was the property of the whole people of God."

The Model Prayer, Though
Used With Latitude By The Early Church,
Was Intended To Be A Church Prayer.

It Isn't...

My Father in heaven, ... Give me bread for each day,
forgive me my trespasses, lead me not into temptation,
deliver me from evil (or the evil one)."

It is...

"Our Father, our bread, our forgiveness, us not being lead
into temptation, and our deliverance from evil (evil one)."

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A Prayer Of The Church

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.