

Theme: How To Cultivate The Miraculous In The Local Church
Topic: Keys to Answered prayer

Luke 11:1-2 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come...' " (NIV)

Matthew 7:8 "...For everyone who asks receives..."

I. What Is Prayer?

Luke 11:2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. (NIV)

Come With Praise - And Maintain It

Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

Nehemiah 1:5 O Lord of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments.

Acts 4:24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord, and said, Lord, Thou art God, which has made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.

2 Chronicles 20:22 And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushment against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

1 Corinthians 10:10 And do not grumble, as some of them did-and were killed by the destroying angel. (NIV)

Psalms 119:164 Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws. (NIV)

Psalms 55:17 Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. (NIV)

Psalms 67:5-6 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. 6 Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. (NIV)

II. How to pray?

1. Be Specific

Mark 10:46-47,51 And they came to Jericho: and He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me...⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

2. Ask According To His Will

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. (Amplified)

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. (NIV)

1 John 5:14 ...This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

3. Ask In The Name Of Jesus

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. (NIV)

4. Ask In Faith

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, not wavering.

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Matthew 13:58 And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Luke 1:45 For blessed is she that believeth: for there shall be a performance of those things which have been told her from the Lord.

5. Be Earnest

1 Samuel 1:13 She spoke in her heart: only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard.

James 5:17-18 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. (NIV)

6. Believe You Have The Answer And Give Thanks

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (NIV)

Luke 1:45 “Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” (NIV)

Mark 9:23 “‘If you can’?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” (NIV)

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God concerning you.

Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your heart and minds in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 10:36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. (NIV)