

Kingdom Praying

Biblical Principles:

- 1) **Jesus wants us to pray and ask for what's on our hearts. We should pray with faith, and know that God has the power to do anything He desires (i.e. nothing is impossible for Him)!**

Jesus (Luke 11: 9-10): “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Jesus (Matthew 19:23-26; Mark 10:27; Luke 18:27): “... but with God all things are possible.”

Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:37): “For nothing is impossible with God.”

Jesus (John 14:12-14): “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it.” (a)

- 2) **There are multiple “types” of prayers.**

Some types of Praying:

Petitionary Praying = praying for our personal needs

Intercessory Praying = praying for needs of others

Worship Based Praying = praising and worshipping God for who He is and what He has done

Kingdom Praying = praying for the strengthening (quality growth within disciples) AND expansion (quantity growth of disciples) of God's kingdom

[**ACTS** prayer model: **A**doration of God; **C**onfession of sin; **T**hanksgiving for blessings; **S**upplications (requests) for ourselves and others]

- 3) **Kingdom Praying is strongly supported by Scripture and should be an important component of our on-going praying.**

Some relevant scriptures related to Kingdom praying:

Jesus (Lord's Prayer; Matthew 6:10): “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”

Jesus (Matthew 16:18): “I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it”

I John 3:8: “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work”

Jesus (Matthew 11:12): “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of God has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

Jesus – Parables of the Mustard Seed and Yeast (Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-21): God’s kingdom starts small but grows large

Jesus - Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20): “All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Jesus (Acts 1:8): “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Refer also to 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 where we are described as Christ’s ambassadors)

4) **We should be persistent in our praying** (Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8). We can adopt the PUSH model:

Pray
Until
Something
Happens

(a) Jesus said if we ask anything in His name, He will do it (John 14:13-14, 16:23). What if we don’t get everything we ask for? Does the Bible give some conditions to the promise of Jesus? Yes -- our prayers may not be answered because:

- 1) Our request is outside the will of God (I Jn 5:14).
- 2) We have wrong motives (Jm 4:3).
- 3) We are not abiding in Christ and His words (Jn 15:7; Ps 37:4).
- 4) We are not bearing spiritual fruit (Jn 15:16).
- 5) We do not keep His commands and do what pleases Him (I Jn 3:21-22).
- 6) We have unconfessed and cherished sin in our life (Ps 32:1-5, 66:18; Is 59:1-2).
- 7) We have an unforgiving spirit (Mk 11:25).
- 8) We lack faith (Jm 1:6; Mt 21:21-22; Mk 11:22-24).
- 9) We lack persistence (Lk 11:5-10, 18:1-8).
- 10) A husband’s prayers can be hindered due to lack of respect for his wife (I Pet 3:7).