

# **PRAYER** *Talking with GOD*

## **The how-to of prayer**

### **Continued instruction on prayer ...Luke 11:1-4, Mt.6:9-13**

*Give us day by day our daily bread.* Paraphrase this next element.

**Please provide today what we need to live, today. This is about our needs...**

What's different about this instruction and what we usually pray? James 4:3

**We usually go far beyond needs! We're deeply into our wants. Need to be careful here.**

According to this model prayer, what did JESUS authorize us to pray for?

**He approves us asking for our daily needs! We should examine our hearts on this.**

And now to how we live our lives... Luke 11:4

*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.* Comment on this relative to Jesus.

**He would never pray this! He was sinless. Do we really want Him to forgive us like..?**

But, what if we just haven't sinned? IJn.1:8, 10

**Never true!! As believers we should sin less, but we're not sinless. Note the conclusion!**

What happens when we confess our sins? IJn.1:9

**He is the faithful forgiver and cleanser. Our fellowship with Him is restored.**

If we do not confess our sins, do we lose our salvation? Rom.8:1,35-39

**Absolutely not! But we do lose our fellowship (intimacy) and our walk with Him.**

But when we DO confess, in what way do we ask him to forgive? Lu.4:11

**In the same way we forgive others! Understanding this makes us very forgiving of others.**

Why can HE with perfect Justice treat us this way? Mt.18:21-35

**It's in our power to forgive others. Should be in our nature. Recall what He forgave you.**

*Lead us not into temptation...* What does God *never* do? James 1:12-15

**God cannot solicit us to do evil, i.e. sin. Never, Never, Never. It's against His being.**

What then does "lead not..." mean?

**Recognizing we are prone to sin in certain areas, asking God to keep us from them.**

*and deliver us from (the) evil (one).* (Absent early ms). Who is the evil one?

**Satan is the evil one. He is the father of all that is evil. Keep us from his deception.**

*for thine is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. AMEN.* Benediction, absent some ms.

Did JESUS intend for this prayer to be recited verbatim? Mt.6:7-9

**No! He just rebuked vain repetition! Use this prayer as a model, a template.**

How can I do this? What should I do to include these prayer elements?

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