

## HOW TO PRAY DYNAMIC PRAYERS OF PETITION

The prayer of petition is how you bring your list of needs and wants to God.

God longs for us as His children to give His children the desires of their heart.

Psalms 37:4

Our God is a kind and gracious Father who loves to give good things to His own.

Matthew 7:11

A major sign of intimacy with God is your freedom to tell Him every desire and need of your heart.

If you have a close relationship, you are able to talk to God as you would your dearest friend.

Honest sharing expresses a closeness and dependency that is very pleasing to God.

Many of us need to learn how to pray petitions that are biblically based and centered on God's will.

For most of us, petitions mostly focus on personal needs.

It is perfectly appropriate to bring all personal concerns to God.

Every believer needs to mature to the point where personal petitions also reflect top priorities of God.

We need to understand the difference between prayer requests that are temporal and those that are eternal and Kingdom-oriented.

Temporal requests primarily relate to earthly needs and concerns.

Kingdom requests are those that focus on issues that are eternal.

Since God's priorities are on the eternal, shouldn't our personal petitions reflect this same priority?

Developing a balanced prayer life means allowing God to reorder and broaden your personal petitions to reflect Kingdom priorities.

### Three Steps to Powerful Prayers of Petition

- A. Regularly pray through each fruit of the Holy Spirit and ask God to develop the image and holiness of Christ within you.

God's top priority for your life is the development of Christ's character and holiness in your life.

Romans 8:29

Personal petitions should relate to the development of His image in your life.

Galatians 5:22-23

You could not pray more in the will of God than to pray each spiritual fruit for your life daily.

With each fruit you will not only ask God to fill you with that trait, but will also ask God to reveal how you are not living that particular fruit.

#### 1. Prayers for Love

a. A deep love for God

Romans 5:5

b. A passionate and not a lukewarm love

Revelations 3:15

c. A powerful love for things that will further His kingdom

Matthew 6:33

d. A love for souls and a passion to grow our church

e. A burning love for service

f. A love for family, friends, enemies

#### 2. Joy

a. Filled with supernatural joy

1 Peter 1:8

b. Teach me to rejoice and give praise

Philippians 4:4

#### 3. Peace

a. Fill me with Your peace

Philippians 4:6-8

b. Teach me how not to worry

#### 4. Patience

a. Give me the ability to wait on you

b. Allow me to endure without being impatient or complaining

#### 5. Kindness

a. Give me a kind and gracious attitude toward others

b. Show me where I have been harsh or unkind to others

#### 6. Goodness

a. Give me a generous attitude toward others

- b. Show me how I have been selfish
- 7. Faithfulness
  - a. Give me mountain-moving faith
  - b. Show me how I have doubted you
- 8. Gentleness
  - a. Fill me with a genuine humility, brokenness, and a repentant obedient spirit.
  - b. Reveal to me where I have been proud
- 9. Self-control
  - a. Fill me with self-control and discipline
  - b. Show me areas where I have been undisciplined, careless, or indulgent
- B. Regularly pray through the Beatitudes and ask God to conform you to these God characteristics  
Matthew 5:1-10
 

1. Poor in spirit	2. Mournful
3. Meek	4. Hunger and thirst for righteousness
5. Merciful	6. Pure in heart
7. Peacemakers	8. Persecuted
- C. Regularly pray through other character words that are found in Scripture.
  - 1. The anointing, power, and filling of the Holy Spirit
  - 2. Spiritual passion (zeal)
  - 3. Wisdom and discernment
  - 4. A spirit of genuine worship
  - 5. Protection from sins, self, Satan, and the world
  - 6. The armor of God                      Ephesians 5:10-18
  - 7. 2 Peter 1:5-9