

Matthew 6:6-13



The call and privilege to pray are for everyone; everyone can grow in prayer.

"Our prayer life shapes our legacy."

- Pete Greig



"God does nothing but in answer to prayer. Every new victory which a soul gains is the effect of a new prayer."

- John Wesley

My pastoral concern is that we miss the urgency of the moment and continue as things are.

My pastoral hope is that we receive His strengthening and participate with His grace that is at work in us, bearing the fruit of a strengthened prayer life.

"If we don't push for radical breakthroughs, then we won't experience radical outcomes."

- Elon Musk

When the Spirit of God strengthens our prayer life, we receive 5 upgrades:

- 1. Pray.
- 2. Pray joyfully.
- 3. Pray confidently.
- 4. Pray consistently.
- 5. Pray effectively.



We experience our upgrade when we learn to pray by praying.

"When you pray"
Matthew 6:6

We experience our upgrade when intimacy fuels our praying.

"Go away... shut the door... pray to your Father."

Matthew 6:6

We experience our upgrade when the covenant of God is the foundation of our prayer.

"Don't babble... Don't be like them... For your Father knows..."

Matthew 6:7, 8

We experience our upgrade when our prayer is in participation with God.

"Pray like this..."
Matthew 6:9

The Kaddish

The Lord's Prayer

Magnified and sanctified may His great name be,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

In the world He created by His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and in your days.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

We experience our upgrade when God's vision inspires our prayer.

"May your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth, as it is in Heaven." Matthew 6:10

Vision-inspired praying leads to a mission-engaged life.

Vision that inspires prayer is a picture of what God wants to do that will profoundly impact us before it impacts others.

I'm telling you all this because the call and privilege to pray are for everyone; everyone can grow in prayer!

How can lapply this message?

- 1. Pray. (Schedule, communicate, and follow through)
- 2. Begin with silence.
- 3. Participate in SEEK FIRST scheduled prayer times.
- 4. Utilize resources. (The Bible, Valley of Vision, Book of Common Prayer, Prayer Promise Books, RESET)