

Prayer #1

MY LORD, AND MY GOD

I praise thee continually for permission
to approach thy throne of grace,
and to spread my wants and desires
before thee.

I am not worthy of thy blessings and mercies for I am far gone from original righteousness;

My depraved nature reveals itself in disobedience and rebellion;

My early days discovered in me discontent, pride, envy, revenge.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor
the multiplied transgressions of later years,
my failure to improve time and talents,
my abuse of mercies and means,
my wasted sabbaths,
my perverted seasons of grace,
my long neglect of thy great salvation,
my disregard of the Friend of sinners.

While I confess my guilt, help me to feel
it deeply,

with self-abhorrence and self-despair, yet
to remember there is hope in thee,
and to see the Lamb that takes away sin.

Through him may I return to thee,
listen to thee,
trust in thee,
delight in thy law,
obey thee,
be upheld by thee.

Preserve my understanding from error,
my affections from love of idols,
my lips from speaking guile,
my conduct from stain of vice,
my character from appearance of evil,
that I may be harmless, blameless, rebukeless,
exemplary, useful, light-giving, prudent,
zealous for thy glory
and the good of my fellow-men.

AMEN

Prayer #2

O GOD OF THE OPEN EAR

Teach me to live by prayer
as well as by providence,
for myself, soul, body, children, family, church;
Give me a heart frameable to thy will;
so might I live in prayer,
and honour thee,
being kept from evil, known and unknown.

Help me to see the sin that accompanies
all I do, and the good I can distil from
everything.

Let me know that the work of prayer is to
bring my will to thine,
and that without this it is folly to pray;

When I try to bring thy will to mine it is
to command Christ,
to be above him, and wiser than he:
this is my sin and pride.

I can only succeed when I pray
according to thy precept and promise,
and to be done with as it pleases thee,
according to thy sovereign will.

When thou commandest me to pray
for pardon, peace, brokenness,
it is because thou wilt give me the thing
promised, for thy glory,
as well as for my good.

Help me not only to desire small things
but with holy boldness to desire great
things

for thy people, for myself,
that they and I might live to show thy
glory.

Teach me

that it is wisdom for me to pray for all I have, out of love, willingly, not of necessity;

that I may come to thee at any time, to lay open my needs acceptably to thee; that my great sin lies in my not keeping the savour of thy ways;

that the remembrance of this truth is one
way
to the sense of thy presence;
that there is no wrath like the wrath of
being governed by my own lusts for my
own ends.

AMEN

Prayer #3

Lord God, we pray, we take our place right now, interceding for our infants, toddlers, children, youth, and teenagers.

Lord Jesus, we pray that you would make these children holy, that they would experience life to the full, following you according to your commands.

We pray for you to protect them from all the attempts of the adversary to pull them away from you, keep them from people that mean harm for them. Guard their minds from music, pornography, sexual perversion, media wickedness in high places.

God, please keep them close to you.
Draw them close to you.

Impart saving, justifying, sanctifying grace
into their lives right now, we cannot wait
another moment, second, minute, hour,
day, week or year, we seek deliverance for
our children this very moment.

Holy Spirit, help us to do whatever you call us to do in their lives.

We are called to be parents, not friends.

Give us heart's that desire to pray daily, to call our children's names before you, the Divine Parent of us all.

All that you call us to do to protect them,
to teach them your Word, we determine
to do it.

To guard them, to shepherd their hearts,
to help them follow you.

God, we pray that you would ultimately
do that work in their hearts that they
might want to follow you.

They might obey you, and you'd keep them.

Please, O God, keep children around us, all these children that we have in our minds right now that we're praying for, please keep them from sin.

Protect them.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen