

I Am Here Because You Prayed

This week, instead of studying prayer or discussing the results of prayer, let's spend our time together ... ACTUALLY PRAYING!

Hiram shared with us on Sunday how powerful prayer is and what an effect it has had on his life, both physically and spiritually. Sometimes when we get together we tend to discuss the issues in our lives, look for solutions and then – almost as an afterthought – pray about it. This time, let's skip the discussion and instead follow the pattern that Jesus Himself gave us in Matthew 6:9-13.

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name

Let's start with praise as we acknowledge who He is, His authority and position. Lift up His name and speak out loud that He is holy.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven

We look forward to His coming and ask Him to have His way here and now in our lives and for all eternity.

Give us today our daily bread

We ask God to fulfill our needs – not our wants, just enough for what we need today. We agree that it all belongs to Him anyhow and we recognize our dependence on Him for everything.

And forgive us our debts

God is the only one who can erase our debt – and we continue to incur them. It is an ongoing process and He continues to shower us with mercy (not getting what we deserve) and grace (blessings that we do not deserve).

As we forgive our debtors

We commit to pass on His grace and mercy to others – even those who wrong us, offend us or owe us. There is a connection between our response to them and His response to us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

Protect us from the world, from ourselves and from Satan

If there is something you want to pray about, but don't feel comfortable praying out loud or want to look back in weeks, months or even years and see how God has answered – why not write it down here? You don't have to share it, mail it or anything. Just write to Him. He'll get the message. 😊

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