

CHRISTIAN FAITH
FELLOWSHIP

We are Not a perfect Church

We are Not a Perfect People

We are here because we Know we need God's Help

We know He has provided that help through Jesus Christ

Accountability Questions

- Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?
- ***Did you share Jesus with someone this week***?
- Did you spend time alone with God this week? (no agenda)
- Do you know what the Holy Spirit is saying to you?
- Are you giving as God has asked you to give? (T, T, R)
- Did you invite someone to church with you this week?

Matthew 6 5 “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

Longest prayers in the Bible

- First: Nehemiah 9:5-38 (it took 5 minutes 15 seconds for me to read this prayer)
- Second: King Solomon's prayer 1 Kings 8:23-53
- Third: Jesus longest prayer John 17:1-26

<u>Matthew 6</u> 9 Pray like this: (He never said pray this - but pray like this)

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

- First Recognize Who it is you are talking to - God is

10 *May your Kingdom come soon.*

- It's all about God's kingdom not mine, not ours, not here and now but what God has planned

May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

- God's will above mine, ours, above everything else

11 *Give us today the food we need,*

- Recognize ALL that we have and need comes from God

12 *and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.*

- Notice the past tense of our forgiveness of others -The forgiveness we give IS the forgiveness we receive

13 *And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.*

- We will face the enemy today – keep me focused on you and victorious over sin

- Pausing to do a quick review of our prayers
  - Why are we asking what we are asking?

Philippians 4 6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

John 2 2 The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. 3 The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."
5 But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus told the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” When the jars had been filled, 8 he said, “Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies.” So the servants followed his instructions.

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- Again, more obedience ‘in spite of what they knew’ (water)

9 When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. 10 “A host always serves the best wine first,” he said. “Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!”
11 This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

- We must bring it to Him
- listen for His direction
- then act in obedience to whatever He says

Action Steps

- Have you repented of your sins and received Jesus Christ as your Savior?

- As you pray about your needs – are you also taking time to listen for God’s direction?
- Are you doing what He has said to you?