

## II. THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

“...in heaven,...” (Matthew 6:9b).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father...” James 1:17a

“17 So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Luke 17:17-18

### A. Thank God for material blessings.

“4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” I Timothy 4:4-5

### B. Thank God for relational blessings.

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,” Philippians 1:3

### C. Thank God for physical blessings.

“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.” Psalm 139:14

### D. Thank God for spiritual blessings.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,” Ephesians 1:3

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” II Corinthians 9:15

**CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH PRAISE!**

## CONNECTING WITH GOD

### The Lord's Prayer

The Prayer Of Praise

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## INTRODUCTION

- A. The Lord's Prayer is the most well-known prayer in the Bible. It's also one of the most powerful ways to connect with God

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.” Matthew 6:9

The Lord's Prayer is the model prayer and it consists of a prayer list.

- B. Connecting With God: The Lord's Prayer unveils the beautiful meaning and personal application of every part of this prayer. Your life will be transformed as you discover what it truly means to be spiritually connected with God and one another.

May 14	Connecting With God Through Prayer
TODAY	The Prayer Of Praise
May 28	The Prayer Of Surrender
June 4	The Prayer Of Dependence
June 11	The Prayer Of Forgiveness
June 18	The Prayer Of Deliverance
June 25	The Prayer Of Fulfillment

- C. **Text:** Matthew 6:9-13

Connect with God through The Prayer Of Praise.

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## HOW TO CONNECT WITH GOD THROUGH PRAISE

The first thing to say to God are words of praise and thanksgiving,

*“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”* Psalm 100:4

### I. PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS

#### A. Establish a relationship with God as your Heavenly Father.

*“Our Father...”* Matthew 6:9a

*“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do....”* John 8:44a

*“12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

*13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”* John 1:12-13

*“6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”*

*7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”* Galatians 4:6-7

*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:16

#### B. Worship God as your Holy Father and so much more.

*“...Hallowed be Your name.”* Matthew 6:9c

*“3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

*4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

*5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”* Isaiah 6:3-5

*“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”* Exodus 20:7

*“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory,...”* Psalm 115:1a

Praise God that He is:

- Love (I John 4:8)
- Good (Psalm 34:8)
- Present (John 14:18)
- Wise (James 1:5)
- Kind (Titus 3:4-5)
- Powerful (Revelation 19:6)
- Merciful (I Peter 1:3)
- Unchanging (Hebrews 6:17-19)
- Sovereign (Romans 8:28-29)
- Faithful (I Corinthians 1:9)
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