Prayer Foundations

The most basic definition of prayer is “talking to God.” Prayer is not meditation or passive reflection; it is direct address to God. It is the communication of the human soul with the Lord who created the soul. Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to communicate his emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God. -> https://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-prayer.html

The Lord’s Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4

Matthew 6:6-15	**Luke 11:1-4**
1. *Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.*	
6. But you, when you pray, enter into your **closet**, and when you hast shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret; and your Father which sees in secret shall reward you openly.	
7. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.	
8. Be not you therefore like unto them: for your Father knows what things you have need of, before you ask him.	**1.** And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
9. After this manner therefore pray you: “Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.	**2.** And He said unto them, When you pray, say, “Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
10. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.	
11. Give us this day our daily bread.	**3.** Give us day by day our daily bread.
12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.	**4.** And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”
13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.“	
14. *For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:*	
***15.** But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*	

Matthew and Luke present different versions of the Lord's Prayer because it was likely taught on different occasions, resulting in variations suited to their respective audiences and theological emphases.

Matthew's version appears more communal and Jewish, while Luke's is more personal and reflects the needs of his Gentile audience. The differences include length, specific wording (like "debts" vs. "sins"), and the inclusion of phrases like the doxology in Matthew, reflecting the diverse contexts in which Jesus taught and the authors wrote.

Psalm 27:13-14 I had fainted, unless I had believed to **see the goodness of the LORD** in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 62:8 Trust in Him at all times; you people, **pour out your heart** before Him: God is a refuge for us.

Luke 18:9-14 The parable about the Pharisee and Tax Collector. It is about approaching God in humility.

John 16:24 Hitherto have you asked nothing in My name: **ask**, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by **prayer and supplication** with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. **Pray without ceasing**. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the **confidence that we have in Him**, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

Prayer is a broad term that encompasses various expressions of communication with God, including adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. It is foundational to the Christian life, serving as a means of cultivating intimacy with God, seeking His guidance, and aligning our will with His. **Supplication**, on the other hand, is a specific type of prayer that involves earnestly and humbly asking God for something. The term "supplication" comes from the Latin word "supplicare," which means "to plead humbly." This aspect of prayer is characterized by a deep sense of need and dependence on God. It often involves asking for help, provision, healing, or intervention in specific situations. Supplication is a heartfelt appeal to God, acknowledging our limitations and His sovereignty. https://www.gotquestions.org/prayer-of-supplication.html

Psalm 25 **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xdd_sRBKThU**
Thee/Thou = you and Thine/Thy = your
1. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
2. O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies' triumph over me.
3. Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.
5. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.
6. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.
7. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
8. Good and upright is the Lord: therefore, will He teach sinners in the way.
9. The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way.
10. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
11. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
12. What man is he that fears the Lord? Him (the Lord) shall he (you) teach in the way that he shall choose.
13. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.
14. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will shew them His covenant.
15. Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
16. Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.
17. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring Thou me out of my distresses.
18. Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.
19. Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
20. O keep my soul and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee.
21. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on Thee.
22. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.
(Verse3 -> Psalm 69:3 weary waiting for my God.)