Prayer

Psalm 63:1-5

- 1. O God, Thou art my God; *early will I seek Thee*: my soul thirsted for Thee, my flesh longs for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
- 2. To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.
- 3. Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.
- 4. Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy name.
- 5. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips:

Mark 1:35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He (Jesus) departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed.

Jeremiah 29:12&13 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.

What:

John 14:6 I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me
1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication (end of next page) with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

James 5:13&16 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

16. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Why:

3John2 Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

How:

Matthew 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Luke 11:9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Colossians 4:2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Conditions:

Psalm 24:3&4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His Holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **1 John 5:14** And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

Acts 1:14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

1 Timothy 2:8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

Matthew 5:23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that you brother hath ought against you; Leave there your gift before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

What Prayer isn't:

Matthew 6:5-8 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray you like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

What is the difference between supplication intercession and prayer?

Supplication is a kind of prayer that you make a request or ask for something. Intercession goes deeper and involves a standing in the gap, an intervention, stepping in somebody's behalf through prayer and prayer involves praises showered on the God, or it could be a request for help.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 First of all, then, I urge that *supplications*, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

James 5:13-18

- 13. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
- 14. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- 15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- 16. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- 17. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
- 18. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.