

Andrew Murray on Prayer

Pray to thy Father, which is in secret – Alone with God

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:6

After this manner pray – The Model Prayer

This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name.” Matthew 6:9

Ask, and it shall be given you – The Certainty of the Answer to Prayer

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James 4:3

How much more? - The Infinite Fatherliness of God

Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:9-11

Pray the Lord of the Harvest – Prayer Provides Laborers

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38

If two agree – The Power of United Prayer

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:19-20

What wilt Thou? – Prayer must be Definite

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. Mark 10:51, Luke 18:41

Have faith in God – The Secret of Believing Prayer

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Mark 11:22-24

When ye stand praying, forgive – Prayer and Love

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. Mark 11:25

Father! Not what I will – Christ the Sacrifice

“Abba, Father,” he said, “Everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Mark 14:36

Lord, teach us to pray – The Only Teacher

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1

Because of his Importunity – The Boldness of God’s Friends

Then he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.’ Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man’s boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.” Luke 11:5-8

How much more the Holy Spirit – The All-Comprehensive Gift

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! Luke 11:13

Speedily, though bearing long – The Power of Persevering Prayer

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually wear me out with her coming!’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:1-8

Have prayed for thee – Christ the Intercessor

But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. Luke 22:32

In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. John 16:26

In spirit and truth – The True Worshipers

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship spirit and in truth. John 4:23-24

I go unto the Father – Power for Praying and Working

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. John 14:12-13

In my Name – The All-Prevailing Plea

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask for anything in my name, and I will do it. John 14:13-14

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. John 15:16

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. John 16:23-24

In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. John 16:26

If ye abide in me – The All-Inclusive Condition

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. John 15:7

Bear fruit, that the Father may give what ye ask – Obedience is the Path to Power in Prayer

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. John 15:16

At that day – The Holy Spirit and Prayer

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. John 16:24

Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. John 16:23-27

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Jude 20, 21

Father, I Will – Christ the High Priest

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved before the creation of the world. John 17:24

Pray without ceasing – A Life of Prayer

Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you

in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

A holy priesthood – The Ministry of Intercession

“...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5

And you will be called Priests of the Lord,
You will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
And in their riches you will boast.
Isaiah 61:6

If we ask according to His will – Our Boldness in Prayer

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15