



On Purpose

Prayer

(Supplication)



Types of Prayer

- ▶ Adoration - Praising God for His attributes and works.
- ▶ Confession - Acknowledging and repenting of sins.
- ▶ Thanksgiving - Expressing gratitude for God's blessings.
- ▶ Supplication - Requesting God's intervention and provision.



Type of Prayer Supplication



Supplication

- ▶ Greek word hiketéria (hik-et-ay-ree'-ah).
- ▶ the idea of approaching for a favor.



Supplication

- ▶ Earnest and humble requests or petitions to God.
- ▶ Dependence on and trust in God's provision and mercy.
- ▶ Latin word "supplicare," meaning "to plead humbly."
- ▶ Deep sense of need.
- ▶ Sincere desire for divine intervention.



Earnestness

- ▶ Sincere and fervent appeal to God.
- ▶ It is not a casual or routine prayer.
- ▶ Arises from a deep sense of need or urgency.



Humility

- ▶ Recognition of one's own limitations.
- ▶ Acknowledgment of God's sovereignty and power.
- ▶ Approaching God with a humble heart.
- ▶ Dependence on His grace and mercy.

Faith

- ▶ An expression of faith.
- ▶ God hears and responds to the prayers of His people.
- ▶ Belief in God's goodness.
- ▶ His willingness to act on behalf of those who seek Him.





Persistence

Jesus taught about the importance of persistence in prayer in Luke 18:1-8, where He illustrates the value of continual and unwavering prayer.



Luke 18:1-2 AMP

¹ Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up and lose heart,

² saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and had no respect for man.



Luke 18:3-4 AMP

³ There was a [desperate] widow in that city and she kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice and legal protection from my adversary.'

⁴ For a time he would not; but later he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,

Luke 18:5-6 AMP

⁵ yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will give her justice and legal protection; otherwise by continually coming she [will be an intolerable annoyance and she] will wear me out.”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says!

Luke 18:7-8 AMP

⁷ And will not [our just] God defend and avenge His elect [His chosen ones] who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay [in providing justice] on their behalf?

⁸ I tell you that He will defend and avenge them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?"



Hannah's Prayer

Elkanah had two wives, one named Hannah and the other named Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. Peninnah provoked Hannah bitterly, to irritate and embarrass her, because she could not have children.

1 Samuel 1:9-10 AMP

⁹ So Hannah got up after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his seat beside the doorpost of the temple (tabernacle) of the Lord.

¹⁰ Hannah was greatly distressed, and she prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish.

1 Samuel 1:11 AMP

¹¹ She made a vow, saying, “O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction (suffering) of Your maidservant and remember, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life; a razor shall never touch his head.”



1 Samuel 1:12-13 AMP

¹² Now it happened as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli was watching her mouth.

¹³ Hannah was speaking in her heart (mind); only her lips were moving, and her voice was not heard, so Eli thought she was drunk.

1 Samuel 1:14-15 AMP

¹⁴ Eli said to her, “How long will you make yourself drunk? Get rid of your wine.”

¹⁵ But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman with a despairing spirit. I have not been drinking wine or any intoxicating drink, but I have poured out my soul before the Lord.

1 Samuel 1:16-17 AMP

¹⁶ Do not regard your maidservant as a wicked and worthless woman, for I have spoken until now out of my great concern and [bitter] provocation.”

¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, “Go in peace; and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of Him.”



1 Samuel 1:18 AMP

¹⁸ Hannah said, “Let your maidservant find grace and favor in your sight.” So the woman went on her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

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Daniel's Supplication

Daniel approached God with supplication in Daniel 9. His prayer is characterized by confession and a plea for God's mercy on behalf of his people.



Daniel 9:1 AMP

¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—



Daniel 9:2 AMP

² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the books the number of years which, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the desolations [which had been] pronounced on Jerusalem would end; and it was seventy years.



Daniel 9:3 AMP

³ So I directed my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

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Daniel 9:4 AMP

⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and extends lovingkindness toward those who love Him and keep His commandments,



Daniel 9:5 AMP

⁵ we have sinned and committed wrong, and have behaved wickedly and have rebelled, turning away from Your commandments and ordinances.

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Daniel 9:6 AMP

⁶ Further, we have not listened to and heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.



Daniel 9:15 AMP

¹⁵ “And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for Yourself a name, as it is today—we have sinned, we have been wicked.



Daniel 9:16 AMP

¹⁶ O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous and just acts, please let Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain. Because of our sins and the wickedness of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become an object of scorn and a contemptuous byword to all who are around us.



Daniel 9:20 AMP

²⁰ While I was still speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,



Daniel 9:21 AMP

²¹ while I was still speaking in prayer and extremely exhausted, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me about the time of the evening sacrifice.



Daniel 9:22 AMP

²² He instructed me and he talked with me and said, “O Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and wisdom and understanding.



Daniel 9:23 AMP

²³ At the beginning of your supplications, the command [to give you an answer] was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly regarded and greatly beloved. Therefore consider the message and begin to understand the [meaning of the] vision.



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