

Growing in Our Prayer Life

Romans 1:8-13

(Expert article)

"Children speak because someone spoke to them, communicating facts, actions or desires, thus giving meaning to the living environment. **Because someone modeled the way of expressing."**

"lenguaje infantilizado" (Infant-Directed Speech).

I. PRAYER IMPLIES INTIMATE COMMUNION.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world

II. RECOGNIZES THAT ACCESS TO GOD IS ONLY THROUGH CHRIST.

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²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. "(Jn 16:23-27).

All our prayers are to be addressed *to God through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.* ¹

III. IS CONSTANT AND FERVENT.

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Romans 12:11 - 12

¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

¹ Matthew Henry and Francisco Lacueva, [Comentario Bíblico de Matthew Henry](#) (08224 TERRASSA (Barcelona): Editorial CLIE, 1999), 1568–1569.

ROGANDO = English “asking” = to ask for with urgency, with the implication of presumed need—‘to plead, to beg²

IV. SUBMITS TO GOD'S WILL AND IS SPECIFIC.

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

(Mt 6:6-11)

⁶ 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.

⁷ “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. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

**“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread

----- FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION -----

- Write down something you have been praying for for a long time.
 - Write down your daily prayer time and place. (If you don't have one, make a point to start doing it and write it down here).
 - What aspects of Growing Prayer do you need to strengthen in your life?
- (Intimacy, Constancy, Fervor, Submission to God's Will, Specificity, Through Jesus Christ).
- Write the name(s) of one or more people who need your intercession.
 - Write other specific prayer requests.
 - Contact someone this week to pray together.

² Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, [*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*](#) (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 407.