"Created for Connection" The Lord's Prayer Part 1

Prayer provides Focus and Clarity

Prayer helps you understand God's will

Proverbs 3:5,

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."



Prayer gives you direction

Prayer helps you be <u>present</u> and alleviate <u>anxiety</u>

1 Peter 5:7
"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."





Prayer provides confidence

Prayer Develops and Strengthens

Your relationship with God



Romans 12:5 God's Word Translation

"Even though we are many individuals,

Christ makes us one body and individuals

who are connected to each other."

Being Spiritually Connected is like Being Built into a Building

Ephesians 2:22 NIV

"...in him you too are being built together

to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit"

Unconnected parts fall over

Ephesians 2:20-22 NLT

"Together, we are his (GOD's) house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.

And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

If one falls down, his friend can help him up.

But pity the man who falls

and has no one to help him up!"

Being Spiritually Connected is like Being Joined into a Body

Romans 12:4-5

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

⁵ so in Christ <u>we who are many form one body,</u> and each member belongs to all the others."

Psalm 133:1

"How Good & Pleasant it is when brothers & sisters live together in Unity"

Colossians 2:19

"....they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it."

Disconnected parts Drift & Die

John 15:4

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Galatians 5:22

"The fruit of the Spirit is this love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control."

Being Spiritually Connected is like being <u>BORN</u> into a <u>Family</u>

Romans 15

"You will all be joined together and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other, which will bring glory to God."

Whoever is not connected will feel unloved

1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other.

Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

When you find it hard to Pray, Here are ten powerful reasons to persevere

God calls us to pray
...'in every situation' (Phil 4:6),
'without ceasing' (1 Thess 5:17) and
without giving up (Luke 18:1)

Will you answer God's loving call today?

Jesus prioritized prayer

• If the Son of god prioritized His need for prayer, how much more should we?

Our Heavenly Father <u>rewards us</u> when we pray

 Will you prayerfully pursue the great reward of seeking God's will above your way?

Prayer strengthens us against temptation

 When you feel weak, will you pray for strength to stand firm in Jesus?

God uses our prayers to accomplish His will

Matt 6: 9 - 10

 Do you believe God brings about great change in response to your prayers?

Prayer is powerful and effective

James 5:16 & Ephesians 6:17

 Are you convinced enough of God's power to pray with confidence.

Prayer gives **God glory**

"Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake"

Psalm 79:9

 When you experience answered prayer, will you praise God's glorious will and ways?

Prayer helps us receive and give forgiveness

Luke 11:4

- Do you know the power of God's forgiveness in your prayer life?
- Will you pour out the same grace to those who have wronged you?

Prayer reveals the sufficiency of God's grace

2 Cor 12: 8 - 9

• Will you pray that your pain will propel you from self-reliance and deeper into God's grace?

Prayer keeps us thankful

Jude 1: 24 - 25

 How will you thank God for His goodness in your past, present, and future?