

A Childs Guide to Prayer

Mathew 19: 13Then children were brought to Jesus so that He might place His hands on them [for a blessing] and pray; but the disciples reprimanded them. **14**But He said, “Leave the children alone, and do not forbid them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” **15**After placing His hands on them [for a blessing], He went on from there. (Amplified Bible)

I love it when our Granddaughter comes to our house to spend the night. At bedtime she always gathers her baby dolls and “Ellie”, her soft elephant, to go to bed with her. After she is all tucked in and ready for sleep, she will tell us we need to say our prayers. I love it that she has no hesitance in praying and talking to Jesus before she goes to sleep. But what strikes me the most is the way she always **starts** her prayers. She has always begins her prayer with, “Thank You Jesus for”, and it usually starts with her family and then friends, and from there it takes on many topics depending on what she may be thinking about, and then she tells Him what has happened on that particular day that may need His attention. How Great is that! Simple, full of faith, knowing that He is hearing everything she is asking.

Proverbs 22: 6Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God’s wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], Even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Amplified Bible)

So, as we train up our children in prayer, let us also remember the simplicity of how easy it is to talk to our Lord. As we get older and maybe a little more “mature” we tend to over think our prayers. Like Selah, I just want it to be simple and to the point. First, Thank You Lord for your many blessings. Name them off, it helps. And then ask him for help with whatever is troubling our hearts.

Matthew 7:7“Ask *and* keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek *and* keep on seeking and you will find; knock *and* keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. **8**For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened. **9**Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will [instead] give him a stone? **10**Or if he asks for a fish, will [instead] give him a snake? **11**If you then, evil (sinful by nature) as you are, know how to give good *and* advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give what is good *and* advantageous to those who keep on asking Him. (Amplified Bible)

Lord, Thank You for your many blessings of my family and friends. I also thank You for Your guidance in my life. As I face this day, I ask you to continue to show me the path I should follow, and the strength to do the things You have asked me to do. I will continue to seek Your face and Your will in my life.

In Jesus Name,

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