

Talking with God

The Model Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

A personal relationship:

“Our Father”

John 1:12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Faith:

“in heaven,”

Hebrews 11:6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Worship:

“may your name be kept holy.”

John 4:23, 24 But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Expectation:

“May your Kingdom come soon.”

Revelation 21:1-2 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Submission:

“May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 26:39 He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Petition:

“Give us today the food we need,”

Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Confession:

“and forgive us our sins,”

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Compassion:

“as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”

1 John 4:20 If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

Dependence:

“And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Acknowledgement:

“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”

1 Chronicles 29:10-11 “O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.

What does your conversation with God look like?