**Lesson 2: The Desire To Know God: How Do I Talk To God?**

**Luke 11: 1-13 The Lord’s Prayer**

Jesus disciples didn’t know how to pray and came to Him asking the Lord how to pray. Jesus knew in the future that the disciples would need to communicate with God for themselves but at this time they didn’t need to pray because they had Jesus with them. Jesus began to teach the disciples how to pray personally and individually through the Lord’s Prayer. Many people have used this prayer to pray and say that it is the model to prayer but actually it covers all various types of prayers that a Christian must understand when to use them. The Lord’s Prayer covers four types of prayer which are personal, spiritual warfare, corporate and intercessory prayers. The disciples would learn through Jesus how to pray types of prayer for their lives and other people lives. The Lord’s Prayer is the spirit of prayer that Jesus imparted and instilled to His disciples through teaching them how to pray.

**The Lord’s Prayer Outline and Explanation**

1. **Our Father Which Art in Heaven:** Praise and worship God through songs, thanksgiving,and worship describing who God is, speaking the names of God or reading the book of psalms. This can be done with personal and corporate prayer.
2. **Hallow Be Thy Name:** Express the goodness of God. Tell Him how awesome, powerful, holy, and magnificent He Is.
3. **Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, As It Is In Heaven:** Always pray The Will of God for your life and others. God cannot go against anybody’s will including your own. Praying according to His Word and in the Spirit helps to ensure God’s Will is done on the earth for you personally and corporately for the Body of Christ, local church and ministries.This is the intercessory part of prayer.
4. **Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread:** Daily ask God to meet every provisional need spiritually and naturally. Part of supplications and requests made unto God.
5. **Forgive Us For Our Trepasses As we Forgive Those Who Trepass Against Us:** In all our prayers we need to repent daily as we speak to God. Forgiving others and asking God to forgive us is important to keep the lines of communication clear. Many of our prayers can be hindered because of offenses, unforgiveness, and grudges in our hearts. Your prayers will hit the ceiling of the spiritual realm because it’s blocked by what you are keeping in your heart where God can’t hear your prayers.
6. **Lead Us Not Into Temptation:** We have to continue to tell God to help us walk in the spirit of righteousness and holiness everyday resisting the fleshly desire to sin or give into the lust of our desires.
7. **Deliver Us From Evil:** Spiritual warfare prayers come from this part of the scripture where we are praying for God to deliver us from the snares, attacks, and weapons of Satan in our personal, churches, and ministries. When we pray for God to help us war against the Enemy, we give permission for the angels and God to protect, block and stop the demonic plans of The Enemy.

**Personal Prayer**

Developing a personal prayer life requires these components and principles in order to develop an intimate and close relationship with God.

1. A desire for the more of God: when you are truly seeking to know God for yourself (Matthew 7:7-8)
2. When you want to experience new things in God and desire for God to abide in your life. (John 15:4-7)
3. Want to allow God to operate and direct your life. (Proverbs 3:6)
4. To discover your true purpose and Will of God for your life.

**Phases of Personal Prayer**

1. **Personal**
2. **Spiritual Warfare**
3. **Petitions, Supplications and Requests**
4. **Decrees and Declarations**
5. **The Word of God**

**Petitions, Supplications and Requests**

**Philipians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

Make your petitions and requests known unto God. What is your desire for God to do in your life? What do you want God to do for you? Once the petition and request is known to God according to His Will for your life, you thank Him for it being already done.

**Decrees and Declarations**

Job 22:28 King James Version (KJV)

**28**Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

# Psalm 118:17 King James Version (KJV)

**17**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Decrees and declarations are orders that you exert your authority and rights over what you have dominion over. In the spiritual realm, these types of statements gives you the authority and power to dominate your world spiritually as well as naturally. You don’t have to settle or accept what circumstances and situations as they are but change them through the power of your words. It is important to study and have more knowledge of the Word of God to use decrees and declarations effectively.

\*Think and write some things you want to change in your life and situation that you desire to possess, to have and to remove. Look up the scriptures based on what you are desiring for God to do and write them in the form of a decree and declarations. Ex. I decree increase and provisions in my life in Jesus Name.

**Spiritual Warfare: Why Do We Have To Fight and How Do I Fight?**

II Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

We have to remember that were are always at war in the spiritual realm with Satan and his demonic powers. What we see in the natural is a manifestation of what is going on in the spiritual world especially with the intensity of death, murder, suicide, hate, sickness, and evilness in the world. The Enemy comes as stated in John 10:10, To steal, kill and destroy all mankind so we have to constantly be watchful and prayerful of his schemes, tactics and plots against us, family, ministry, finances and jobs. We are constantly in a battle with Satan and his demonic kingdom who is trying to take as many people with him to The Lake of Fire and burn eternity in Hell. During your prayer time, there should be some prayers of binding The Enemy, coming against any spirits that are attacking you through rebukes in prayer, and speaking the Word of God towards your problem or situation that is contrary to what God’s promises in your life. When things come in the natural, we are not to respond in our flesh but understand spiritually what is really going on so we can pray about it. That comes when we have the Holy Ghost who gives us a spirit of discernment to identify spirits, situations and what is attacking us in our lives.

**Important Keys To Engaging In Warfare**

* Authority
* Power
* Word of God
* Prayer Life
* Fasting
* Binding/Loosing
* Decrees/Declares/Commands

1. **Authority:** Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. God has given you authority and power over the Enemy
2. **Power**: Receive power from the Holy Ghost. (Acts 1:8)
3. **Know Your Opponent**
4. II Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of use; for we are not ignorant of his devices.
5. Identify the problems, spirits, demonic cycles and attacks that are occurring in your personal life and the ministry.
6. **Spirit of Discernment**: 1st John 4: 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out of the world (Holy Ghost gives the ability to discern spirits: 1st Corinthians 12:10)
7. Ephesians 6: 11 Put on the full armor of God to stand the wiles of the Devil. You must know what the Devil is doing in your life and the ministry.
8. James 4:-8 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. God will reveal to you what the Devil is doing in your life and the ministry
9. **Word of God**: Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus rebuked the Devil when he was in the wilderness by the Word of God.
10. Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is quick, powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
11. Jeremiah 1:12 Then said the Lord unto, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.
12. 2nd Timothy 2: 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.
13. Look up scriptures related to what you are fighting against: google, concordance bible, bible study at church, listening to the Word at church
14. **Prayer and Fasting**: Mark 9:29: And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

These 2 weapons increases your authority and power over every situation, spirit, and attack when engaging in spiritual warfare.

1. **Binding/Loosing**: Matthew 18:18 Truly I tell you, whatsever ye shall bind on earth shall bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall lose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
2. You must bind whatever needs to be bound in your life and the ministry and loose what needs to be release as well.
3. Bind the strongman: Mark 3:27 I bind the strongman and spoil his goods.
4. **Decrees/Declare/Commands**: Job 22:28 Thou shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.
5. Whatever you want done in the earth, you must speak into the atmosphere by decreeing, declaring and commanding it to be so. Example: healing, financial breakthroughs, souls to be saved, debt cancellation, promotion, increase, enlargement, expansion, and every spirit to loose its hold.

**The Word of God**

# Matthew 4:4 King James Version (KJV)

**4**But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

The Word of God is life and breath to Man spiritually and naturally. It helps to increase your faith in His Word and a powerful weapon to use against the Enemy and his attacks. Praying the Word of God is an effective way to ensure your prayers are heard and will come to pass. Find scriptures on what you are dealing with and incorporate them during your prayer time. In the scripture above, Jesus used the Word of God to rebuke the Devil in every tactic he tried to use against Him. Also, the more you speak and pray the Word of God over your life increases your faith and belief in God as it becomes embedded in your soul and spirit. Once the Word of God is part of who you are, eventually what you have been speaking with come into natural manifestation.

**Personal Prayer Exercises**

**Prayer Exercise 1: What phases of personal prayer do you need to perfected in and why?**

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**Prayer Exercise 2: Write a prayer for each phase of personal prayer. You may type it up and email it to me at** [**academyofintercessors@gmail.com**](mailto:healministries@gmail.com)**.**

**Spiritual Warfare Exercises**

**Prayer Exercise 1: Write down some things that the Enemy has been attacking you or you have been warring spiritually and naturally. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Prayer Exercise 2: List some problems or the circumstances in your life that you need to use spiritual warfare prayers for it.**

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**Prayer Exercise 3: Write down scriptures in relation to what you are going through so you can pray them in your prayer time (Examples: Google scriptures, concordance in back of bible or get a concordance bible).**

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**Prayer Exercise 4: Develop a prayer and write it down in your prayer journal.**

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