

Rock Church Pastor Miles McPherson What If I Prayed? June 6, 2021

Monthly Discipleship Focus for June: Faithfully avoids that which distracts me from obeying You.

On Sunday, Pastor Miles continued his focus on leaving a legacy of knowing Jesus, and challenged us to be better for God. Read Matthew 6:9-13, then explore what the Lord has told you to do in the Lord's Prayer.

- A Admiration and praise; or appreciate with praise. Acknowledge the Father in Heaven. His name is Holy and is an indication of His character and identity. He provides, He heals, and He is holy. When praying, before you ask for forgiveness or ask for something specific, you need to acknowledge who He is. Take a minute to thank Him for whatever you can think of, using this simple sentence: "Lord, I praise You for (fill in the blank)."
- 2. W Ask for thy will to be done. Think of a situation in your life that isn't going the way you'd like. You want to do things your way because you think you know what's best, but what you need to do is seek God's will and trust His plan; it's better than what you could imagine for yourself. Take a moment to pray that God's will would be done in your life or someone else's life, especially in regards to a specific situation (career, relationship, parenting, and more); something you know that you have no control over.
- 3. C Pray for Communion with Yahweh Elohim. Pray that God's presence and spiritual food would feed you, that your soul would be full on a daily basis. We want the Lord's presence to fill us, feed us, transform us, guide us, inform us, and reveal things to us, so we can interact with Him. Use this time to pray that God would make His presence known, that you would make the effort to be filled every day, not just on Sundays.
- 4. **I Intercede for other people.** Cleanse me of sinfulness. Your unforgiveness is YOUR issue, not someone else's. Repentance has no defense. Don't justify your wrongs; just say what you did wrong and leave it at that. The Lord will help you recognize how He has forgiven you and how you need to forgive others. Ask the Lord to reveal to you right now someone in your life whom you need to forgive, or who needs to forgive you.

- 5. P Petition for Power. Do you have a habitual sin in your life that keeps coming back? Sometimes we think we can stop these sins and keep doing these sins to legitimize yourself. But God says to be perfect, to be holy, and be set apart. Pray that God's power would be exercised in your life. If you have an ailment, sickness, disease, or injury that you want God to heal, bring it to the Lord and command it to be gone, to be healed, to be made straight, or to be removed in Jesus' name. We have the authority to ask and God does His will in His time. Ask God to set you free from just one thing, knowing that you can always ask for His power to deliver you from any physical, chemical, spiritual, or emotional bondage.
- 6. A Admiration and praise; or appreciate with praise. Praise God for being God. Trust Him and obey Him. You may be led through the valley of the shadow of death, but stay focused on the Lord you will end up getting home. Take a minute and use this simple sentence: "Lord, I thank You for (fill in the blank)."

This Month's Memory Verse:

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." ~James 4:17

This Week's Bible Readings & Bible Project Videos:

Job 25-42: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/job/</u> Proverbs 17: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/proverbs/</u>

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