

THE 4 LEVELS OF PRAYER

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THE DISCIPLE'S PRAYER PATTERN

1. In Matthew 6:5-15 Jesus gives both the reason for prayer and the pattern for prayer. This is not just a prayer to repeat, but a framework, a set of “doorways” into every area of human need.
 - Matthew 6:9 *“This, then, is how you should pray:...”*
 - The QR code takes you to our main teaching on prayer...



PRAYER LEVEL 1

1. **Learning to depend on God through personal prayer.** *This is the beginning point... prayer for everyday personal needs and the needs of our family and friends.*
 - Matthew 6:11 *Give us today our daily bread.* (Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14–15)
 - Matthew 6:25-34 *...But **seek first** His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well...*
2. **Prayer at this level is personal and practical.** It's where we bring our needs, concerns, and desires before the Lord and begin to trust Him as our Source. Here we begin to include our family, friends, and everyday relationships. We begin to care not just about our own needs, but about what others are going through.

In the following levels, we start seeing reality through His eyes and feeling His heart for the lost. A fire rises in us as we cry out for a Church that is not a shallow, powerless form of religion. Repentance becomes real. It's not casual anymore... we feel it. We weep for our own sin and stand in the gap for others, carrying His heart for a move of the Spirit in the church who will then be compelled to reach our world.

QR code directs you to David Wilkerson's sermon on Anguish.



PRAYER LEVEL 2

1. **This is prayer beyond our own needs.** Here we begin to carry God’s burden for our church, our city, nation.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2 *I (Paul) urge (Timothy), then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority,...*
- Jeremiah 29:7 *...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*

2. **At this level we can learn the Biblical principle of Identificational Intercession.**

- Identificational intercession is prayer in which a person stands before God on behalf of others by identifying with their sins and needs—confessing as if they were their own and seeking God’s mercy and restoration. (Daniel 9:3–19; Nehemiah 1:4–7; Moses in Exodus 32:30–32; Ezra 9:5–7...)
- Prayer walking, prayer outside the walls, etc. are ways we can sense the spiritual climate outside of the safety of the church walls. It is here we see God’s heart for the world more clearly. Scan the code to learn more about prayer walking.



PRAYER LEVEL 3

1. **This is prayer that participates in God’s burden for the nations.** This is strategic level prayer for nations (ethnos) and the ability for the Kingdom of God to penetrate the demonic and sociopolitical barriers. It is to intercede and allow God to break our hearts for a people group.

- Psalm 2:8 *Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.* (A messianic prophecy but applicable to us)
- Matthew 24:14 *And this gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

2. Entering strategic level prayer for nations calls for extreme wisdom and an understanding of this level of warfare. This seen so clearly in Daniel when he was interceding for Israel’s freedom from captivity. Daniel 10:13 *But the prince of the Persian kingdom (a territorial level being) resisted me twenty-one days...*

- The principle of spiritual mapping as the 12 men who were sent into Canaan to spy out the land (Numbers 13).

PRAYER LEVEL 4

1. **In this level we have totally surrendered and identify with Christ.** It is not intercession *for* something... it is identification *with* Someone.

- Romans 8:26-27 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*
2. Complete surrender to the LORDSHIP of Christ is to be used in *any* capacity, no matter how difficult. Our personal desires for what this world regards as valuable and important have given way to a higher vision of surrender to the Most High.
 - Adapted from Philippians 3:7-14 *I count everything as loss for the surpassing worth of knowing Christ. I've lost all to gain Him and be found in His righteousness through faith. I want to know Him—His power, His sufferings—and press on to take hold of what He took hold of me for, forgetting what's behind and reaching forward to the prize in Christ.*

The intercessory burdens of Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel

1. **Jeremiah carried *emotional intercession***, he wept over what others ignored. His burden reflected God's sorrow over sin and coming judgment.
 - Jeremiah 9:1 *Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people.* (Jeremiah 4:19, 14:17, 15:1)
2. **Isaiah's complete *surrender and abandonment to God's call***... he was willing to go wherever He sends and do whatever He asks!
 - Isaiah 6:5-8 *"...Here am I. Send me!"*
 - Isaiah 62:6-7 *I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem... give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest till He establishes Jerusalem...*
3. **Ezekiel personifies *prophetic intercession, standing in the gap, warning, grieving, and speaking life where there is death.***
 - Ezekiel 3:17-19 *Son of man, I have made you a watchman... give them warning from me.*
 - Ezekiel 9:4 *Go... and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament...*
 - Ezekiel 22:30 *I looked for someone... who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap... (Ezekiel 37:1-10)*

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. . .