

THE 4 LEVELS OF PRAYER

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PRAYER LEVEL 4

1. **At this level it is not just intercession for something...** it is identification *with* Someone. It is deep intercession that bypasses our intellect and our understanding. The Holy Spirit prays through us in ways which includes the groans of spiritual childbirth (Galatians 4:19)!
 - 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.*
 - Scan the code to read the overview of the Four Levels.
2. **It is a complete surrender to the LORDSHIP of Christ.** It is a deep desire to be available to be used in *any capacity*, no matter how difficult. Your personal desires and what this world calls valuable have been laid down, replaced by a higher vision: a full 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 I 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 _____, 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 _____ to God's call... he was willing to go wherever God sent him, to do whatever He asked!
 - Isaiah 6:5-8 *"...Here am I. Send me!"* (Before the knowledge of the assignment)
 - 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 _____, 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 37:1–14 *...Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life...’*

PRACTICAL STEPS OF GROWTH

LEVEL 1 – When prayer is occasional.

1. There’s an awareness of God, but prayer is reactive and inconsistent, mostly driven by crisis and personal needs, including those closest to me.



2. **A few steps...**

- The goal is to move from random prayer to a steady, daily rhythm (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Set a non-negotiable time, even 5–10 minutes, at a predetermined place. Consistency puts Him first (Mark 1:35).
- Tie prayer into what you already do, coffee, commute, bedtime. Keep it real: “God, here’s where I’m at.” He’s not looking for perfect words, just a yielded heart.
- Force this into a habit: *Before you check your phone, check in with God*. That one shift will set the course of your day.

3. To help you begin a steady prayer habit use what the LORD told us to use, the prayer pattern in Matthew 6:9-13. Meditate on it and pray all five areas.



LEVEL 2 – When prayer becomes consistent.

1. **Our focus at this level is building discipline...** showing up consistently, even when it feels routine or a dry. We *must* guard against distractions that feel urgent but pull us away, refusing to give them control. Our enemy uses these distractions until we gain mastery.

- This is where faith (determination) grows deeper than feelings, and we learn not to be driven by emotion, but anchored in commitment.

2. **A few steps...**

- Start with a simple structure such as worship, thanksgiving, requests, and listening. Use the pattern in Matthew 6:9-13.
- Focus your heart on who God is before what you need. Meditate on His Names!
- Acknowledge His goodness and faithfulness in your life. Praise Him!
- Clearly and honestly lay your needs before Him. Believe and trust Him according to Matthew 6:33, *...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*.

- Develop the discipline to listen to the Spirit's voice. Don't rush, give space for the Holy Spirit to speak.
- Set a minimum prayer time goal, aim for 15 to 30 minutes to build consistency.
- Guard your time! Don't let distractions that feel urgent pull you away.

3. **Key thought:** *I don't leave prayer when I'm done... I leave after I've connected.*

LEVEL 3 – When prayer becomes a genuine desire.

1. **Here the focus shifts to sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.** Prayer is no longer just discipline, something we do, it becomes something we enjoy, and we begin to sense His leading more clearly.
 - You're not just going through a routine; you're responding to His voice, learning to follow the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit in real time.
2. **A few steps...**
 - Add listening time to verbal prayer. Sit in silence and ask, "LORD, what are You saying?"
 - Begin to intentionally and deeply intercede for others as led by the Spirit.
 - Pray beyond your list and follow the Holy Spirit's leading.
 - Through discipline and consistency, move from *talking to God* to *walking with God*.

LEVEL 4 – When prayer becomes identity.

1. **At this level, the focus is living in open communion with God...** prayer is no longer an event, it becomes a lifestyle. There's an ongoing conversation with Him throughout the day. Obedience becomes immediate, not delayed.
 - This level of prayer has been built upon the disciplines of the last three. There are still extended prayer times because they sustain the constant connection.
 - This is where walking with God becomes natural, you're not just visiting His presence, you're living in it.
2. **Because of the breaking of your will and personal agendas,** He will now develop a specific ministry of prayer that is unique to you and will benefit God's kingdom in unimaginable ways, far beyond your understanding!
3. **Application**
 - Decide on your daily time with God, when and where will it be? Be specific.
 - Be accountable, tell someone or write it down.
 - What will you say no to so you can say yes to God (Ephesians 5:16)? Don't wait for a feeling. Start today.

Answers: (Jeremiah) Emotional Intercession | (Isaiah) surrender and abandonment
(Ezekiel) prophetic intercession