MEETING WITH GOD USING JESUS' OUTLINE

Many people desire to have daily meetings with God but have no idea where to start. The disciples of Jesus felt the same way. They observed Jesus meeting with God and wanted in! One of the disciples went for it and asked, "Lord, teach us to pray". Jesus didn't answer, "Sorry pal, this is just for me and the Father!"? Jesus gave His outline! The word for prayer in Luke 11:1-4 is a word meaning an "exchange of wishes". This means The Lord's Prayer is not only meant to be said but also meant to be an outline for our meetings with God. You will find it to be in an important order, remarkably comprehensive and most importantly, you will find it to help you have strong meetings with God every day.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. Luke 11:1-2a

GOD PRAISED

Father, hallowed be Your Name!
God is worthy to be praised! Praise Him for what He is doing in your life and the lives of those around you. Praise Him for what you are observing about Him from His Word. You praising God honors Him and will lift your eyes. *"Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness." Psalm 115:1*

GOD'S WILL DONE

Your kingdom come.
This prayer will pry you off of building your own kingdom so you can build His. It will replace good things to do with God things to be done. What conversations are coming today? Opportunities? Ask God to use you to do His will. *"Here I am Lord, send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

OUR NEEDS MET

Give us each day our daily bread.
This prayer is for daily, basic needs and it causes us to recognize that "*every good and perfect gift comes from above" (James 1:17).* This prayer also supports what you/we need to accomplish God's Will Done. Perhaps you are struggling with something. Ask God for help with it. Pray here for your family, church and beyond.

OUR SINS FORGIVEN

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
If you trust Jesus as your Savior, you have been forgiven everything. Therefore, you can forgive anything! *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9* Stand in the forgiveness of Jesus today.

OUR PATHS PROTECTED

And lead us not into temptation.
What will you and yours face today that is spiritually dangerous (lies, spiritual indifference, etc)? What will you/yours face today that might be physically dangerous? Ask God to lead you not into temptation nor evil knowing God does not tempt anyone (James 1:13). This prayer causes us to be alert and reliant on God like watchmen on towers protecting a city of people they love.

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Use these 7 tools to build your meeting with God rhythm

1. **Place:** In Luke 11, Jesus was praying in a "certain place". Pick a place that will be great for you to read the Bible and pray each day. Table? Couch? Car? One of the elders at our church stops at a parking lot on the way to work. Susanna Wesley would pull her apron over her head signaling to her many kids that momma was praying so give her some space. Maybe you can actually set up a prayer closet in your home. Most common is the kitchen table or a living room chair. Place: _____
2. **Time:** The disciples had to wait until "he finished". What time of day will you meet with God? Morning? Lunch? Evening? Give God your best time then protect it! Time: _____.
3. **Bible:** Keep it nearby. The Bible is God's voice written down. Jesus recited Scriptures regularly in His teachings. He refuted temptations. Make your Bible your #1 book.
4. **Plan:** Consider reading the Bible for 5 minutes, praying for 5 minutes (using the outline on the opposite side), plus something else for another 5 minutes like journaling, memorizing verses, reading a Bible commentary or reading a few pages of a Christian book. As you go, consider increasing the 5/5/5 to 10/10/10. Pick a great Bible reading plan utilizing an app like YouVersion. Read the entire Bible in a year or two or zero-in on a particular book in the Bible. Plan (5/5/5?): _____. Bible plan: _____.
5. **Journal:** Write down what you are learning, facing and praying. The slow pace of writing will bless your soul so truth and grace can sink in. Warrior Poet King David had a journal known as the Psalms. Jot down the outline headings on the opposite page and journal.
6. **Pen:** A great pen is enjoyable and helps things flow.
7. **Beverage:** Like coffee or tea or water with lemon. Your body will actually associate place, time, plan, journal, pen and beverage with "Let's meet with God." We are creatures of habit with rhythms. Now work your plan and let it become something your soul expects.

Jot down your main prayer list for this year including verses to pray

(personal faith, family, church family, unsaved people, endeavors, civil leaders, enemies)

For Prayer	Associated Bible Verse