



*Women Thriving
in a Large Church*

Praying - Women for Women

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Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

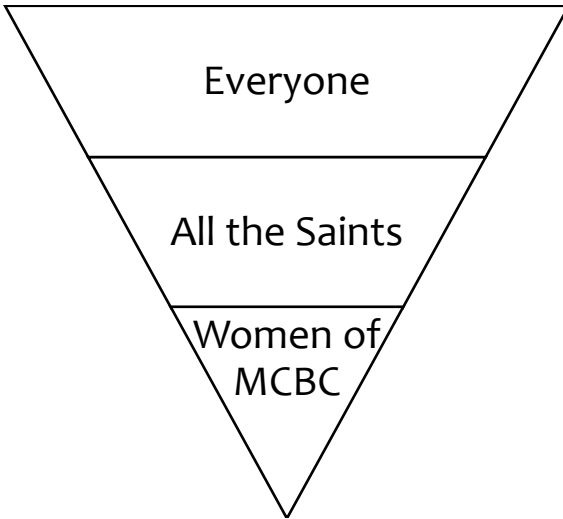
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

– Matthew 6:9-13

WHO



WHERE

- ❖ Anywhere
- ❖ Church
- ❖ Home
- ❖ Technology

WHEN

- ❖ All the Time – I Thessalonians 5:17
- ❖ Scheduled Times – Psalms 55:17, Daniel 6:10
- ❖ As the Spirit Urges – Romans 8:26
- ❖ When Care or Trouble Comes – Psalms 50:15, Acts 16:25

WHY

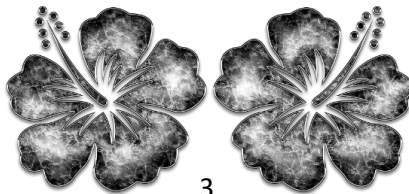
- ❖ Commanded to Pray and Not Lose Heart – Luke 18:1
- ❖ God Hears Us – I John 5:14-15
- ❖ We Love One Another – John 13:34
- ❖ Bear One Another's Burdens – Galatians 6:2
- ❖ *The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.* – James 5:16

HOW

- ❖ Humbly – *God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.* – I Peter 5:5
- ❖ Simply – They suppose that they will be heard for their many words. – Matthew 6:7-8

WHAT

- ❖ Prayer Booklets
- ❖ Hymns
- ❖ Catechism
- ❖ Scripture



THE LORD'S PRAYERⁱ

❖ The Address

1. Our Father
 - a. A relationship
 - b. Only a few people can truly pray this prayer
2. Who is in Heaven
 - a. The Throne of God – Matthew 5:34
 - b. *The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.* – Psalms 103:19

❖ Six Petitions

- A. Three Petitions Relating to God
 1. Hallowed be Your name [on earth as it is in heaven]
 - a. Hallowed – Holy, set apart, unique
 - b. God's name – Jehovah, Titles
 - i. *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain* – Exodus 20:7
 - ii. Acknowledge the claim in His name/title
 - iii. Honor the Son as you honor the Father – John 5:21-23
 - iv. His name is to be praised – Psalm 68:3,4
 2. Your kingdom come [on earth as it is in heaven]
 - a. Praying for the eternal reign of God's rightful ruler, Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:9-11
 - b. How do we pray for this?
 - i. For those who spread the Gospel – Matthew 28:18-20
 - ii. Obedience to His commands – John 14:15
 - iii. For His coming - Revelation 22:20

3. Your will be done [on earth as it is in heaven]
– Romans 8:5
 - a. God's will or my will? Romans 12:1-2
 - i. Be not conformed to this world
 - ii. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind
 - iii. Prove what the will of God is which is good and acceptable and perfect
 - b. God's will is always best!
 - i. He hears us and answers us according to His will. – I John 5:14, 15
 - ii. Pray. . . that you would be filled with the knowledge of His will. – Colossians 1:9-12

B. Three Petitions Relating to Mankind

1. Give us this day our daily bread
 - a. This includes all material things.
 - b. Why we pray
 - i. God is the source of all things – James 1:17
 - ii. To confess our dependence on Him every day
2. Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors
 - a. Forgive us our debts
 - i. Forgive us our debts – Colossians 2:13-14
 - ii. Daily cleansing – 1 John 1:9

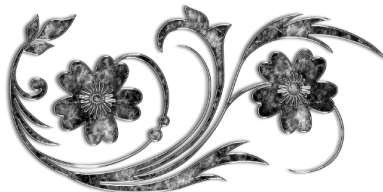
- b. As we also have forgiven our debtors
 - i. Luke 17:3
 - ii. Matthew 18:22
 - iii. Matthew 18:23-35
 - iv. Ephesians 4:32
 - c. Unforgiveness – Hebrews 12:6
3. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil
- a. In my flesh dwells no good thing – Romans 7:18
 - b. This present evil age – Galatians 1:3-5
 - c. Satan – 1 Peter 5:8

We will be subject to intense temptation!

God's Position

- God is never my tempter – James 1:13
- God may lead us in places of temptation – John 17:15
- Will not be tempted beyond what you are able. He will provide a way of escape – 1 Corinthians 10:13
- God brings good out of our temptations – Romans 8:28

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**



RESULTS OF WOMEN PRAYING FOR WOMEN

- ❖ Bond
- ❖ Bridge
- ❖ Examples:
 - “Praying with women at MCBC is strengthening.”
 - “I have a closeness and sweet fellowship for those I pray with.”
 - “Praying with other women makes me accountable.”
 - “I need other women praying for me.”
 - “Praying with our ladies encourages me.”
 - “The blessings are incalculable.”

TESTIMONY –

Her challenge: “Find just one kindred heart and commit to a set time of prayer – would reap great rewards.”

MINISTRIES FOR PRAYING WOMEN

- ❖ LMPG
- ❖ Wednesday Evening Service
- ❖ Mom’s Praying for Teens
- ❖ Mom’s Praying for Wayward Children
- ❖ Prayer time in the Courtyard
- ❖ Praying in your “Closet”

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in prayer!
O, what peace we often forfeit,
O, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take a shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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