

Christ-Expressed Living: Praying With Prayer
Colossians 4:2-4; James 5:13-18

In Christ, We Have a Humble Confidence, a Holy Boldness to Openly and Freely Approach God - Heb 4:16

- Prayer: a godly-designated channel of grace - Matt 7:7; Jo 14:13; I Tim 4:5

...there is a difference between "saying prayers" and "praying with prayer" - Ja 5:17

The Intimacy of Praying:

- It is thoroughly relational - Mk 3:14; Jo 14:3

...we share life together with God by opening all of ourself to all of Him - Gen 2:25

**...with the Perfect Father - Matt 5:45; 6:9; the Perfect Friend - Jo 15:15; the Perfect Lover
- Song of Sol 2:16; 5:1 6:3; 7:10**

- It is profoundly personal - Jo 17:3

...an honest encounter of love between two free persons - Jo 14:21

- It is a downright mystery - Col 2:2; Is 55:8-10

...it is more about wonder and worship than methods and mechanics - Col 1:27; 4:2

The Intentionality of Praying:

- It calls for persistence - Lk 18:1; Eph 6:18; I Thess 5:17; I Tim 2:8; Lk 22:44

...a loyal, enduring face-to-faceness with God - Col 4:2 (individually and corporately)

- It requires our responsivity - Ro 1:16; 16:26

...all prayer is a response to God's initiative - Jer 33:3; Rev 3:20; II Cor 4:17-18

...all revelation is a call to action - Ja 1:22

- It helps to be specific - Col 4:3-4

...relevant life situations - Ja 5:13-18

...so that all of life becomes praying - I Thess 5:17

Learning by Praying the Prayers of the Scriptures: (representative)

- Personalizing, Concretizing, Contemporizing Them for My Circumstances:

...Ps 23,25,31; Acts 4:23-31; Eph 1:17-23; 3:14-21; Col 1:9-14

- Be as relational, as personal, as responsive, and as specific as you dare!

...and Eternity begins taking hold of you! - Matt 6:10