

Sermon Series on Practices of Great Christians
PRAY GREAT PRAYERS

Main Idea: Great Christians pray great prayers.

Introduction: Great Christians are engaged in praying because they believe the words of Christ, *My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name, Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

I. Great Prayers _____ God.

A. Psalm 27:4 – One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

B. Philippians 3:8 – What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

II. Great Prayers Come From Our _____.

A. Psalm 51:10-12 – Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation...

B. Nehemiah 1:5-7 – “O LORD, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands...I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s house, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands...

III. Great Prayers _____ God’s Agenda.

A. Matthew 6:10 – Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

B. John 17:20-23 – My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Conclusion – How is your prayer life lately? We can all improve in our prayer life. Let’s try to spend more time seeking God through praying. Let’s ponder and ask how hungry and thirsty are we for God? Are we faithfully praying for God’s agenda to be fulfilled through us? Let’s commit to praying more fervently to our Lord.

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