



A.B.C.'s of Bible Prayer

Drawing Near to the Presence of God

Permission and Commission

1 John 5:16 - "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask; and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death."

What power there is in intercessory prayer!!

A.B.C.'s of Claiming God's Promises

A – Ask

- "Ask and it shall be given unto you....." – Matthew 7:7

B – Believe

- "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." – Mark 11:24

C – Claim God's Promises

- "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord, as his divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him, who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." – II Peter 1:2-4

How to Proceed

1. Thank God and praise Him for all His goodness and blessings to you. (Psalm 100:4)
2. Ask forgiveness for your own sins that nothing shall hinder the Lord from answering your prayers.
Claim 1 John 1:9
3. Place your request before God. (Matthew 7:7)
4. Tell Him you believe He hears and will answer your prayer. (Mark 11:24)
5. Claim a specific promise that applies to your request as the Lord leads. (II Peter 1:2-4)
6. Thank Him for answering your prayer. (1 Timothy 2:1)

Sample Prayer

Dearest Heavenly Father,

"I want to thank You and praise You for all the love You have shown to me. I thank You and praise You for Jesus who has made it possible for me to have eternal life. I thank You for the Holy Spirit who guides me and strives with me continually to recreate in me Your divine image. I praise You for the precious gift of forgiveness and cleansing which gives me hope and courage to start this new day.

This morning, Father, I am in need of asking forgiveness for my sins. I confess these sins before You that nothing will hinder Your answering my prayers. (If you are in private prayer, confess these sins.) I believe

it is Your desire to forgive me and I know that You have the power to do so, therefore I claim Your promise in 1 John 1:9 that says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” So, Father, I thank you for this forgiveness and cleansing in Jesus’ name.

Father, I have many people that I want to pray for and lift up to You today, for You have called me to intercede on their behalf through Your promise in 1 John 5:16 (recite). So, first of all Lord, I ask forgiveness for each of their sins, believing that You not only have the desire to forgive and cleanse them, but also the power to do so. Therefore, I claim your promise in 1 John 1:9 over each one and I thank You in Jesus’ name, for forgiving them and cleansing them from all unrighteousness, for the “gift” is in the promise.”

Now continue going through each of the promises God gave you or use the 12 promises listed further down in this document. In that case, the second promise would be asking for a new heart and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then tell Him you believe He desires all of us to have a new heart and the Holy Spirit and that you claim the promise in Ezekiel 36:26 (*recite promise*) and then finish each prayer in Jesus’ name.

Stipulations to Prayer

“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.” – 1 John 5:14

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” – 1 John 3:22

“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord.” – James 1:6, 7

Hindrances to Answered Prayer

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me” – Psalm 66:18

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination.” – Proverbs 28:9

“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” – Mark 11:25

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” – 1 Peter 3:7

“Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.” – Proverbs 21:13

Promises to Claim for Yourself, Family, and Others

1. "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
2. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new Spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh." – Ezekiel 36:26
3. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." – James 1:5
4. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 2:5
5. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." – 1 Corinthians 15:57
6. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those who fear Him and delivereth them." – Psalm 34:7
7. "For my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19
8. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way in which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye." – Psalm 32:8
9. "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." – Isaiah 42:16
10. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." – John 8:32
11. "Being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." – Philippians 1:6
12. "For thus saith the Lord, even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will content with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save your children." – Isaiah 49:25