



Have you ever had a friend that you just hit it off with at the first moment? And then, years down the road, even though you went different ways, every time you got together you picked up where you left off? No awkward, getting re-acquainted moments. Being reunited was as natural as if you were never apart.



Prayer is our communication tool, our iphone to glory. As easy as you pick up your cell phone and call a friend, prayer connects you to God. Advantage: no dropped calls, or garbled messages. You always have three bars no matter where you are in the world!

The tool is trustworthy. It's with the technician that imperfection is found. That is where direction and instruction comes in. Jesus reassured us that prayer was an integral part of this relationship between us. In fact it was so important that He took the time to instruct us as to How to use the tool.

# Matthew 6:9-13

## The Lord's Prayer

- \* Know God
- \* Pray in His will
- \* Trust His provisions
- \* Bridge the gap with forgiveness
- \* Humble yourself
- \* Worship Him

Matthew 6:9-13 (my humble translation) Pray like this:

1. Our father in heaven, you are holy and your name is power.
  2. Show us your will and bring it down to our level so we can pray in it exclusively.
  3. Provide daily for us, and
  4. forgive us of the sins that separate us from you and help us to forgive others.
  5. Save us from ourselves and from the enemy.
  6. You are almighty and nothing is impossible with you! You reign in glory forever and ever!
- What I learn from this passage is in 6 simple steps.

1. **Know** God
2. **Pray** in His will
3. **Trust** His provision
4. **Bridge** the gap between you and God by asking for forgiveness and forgiving simultaneously
5. **Humble** yourself before God
6. **Worship** Him for who He is!





This prayer model keeps things clear. It strips the fluff and stuff off that garbles the message. It's not about what we want...it's about what He wants. It's not about what I need, but what He needs from me to do His work. It's aligning my spirit up with His spirit so I can see His purpose and plan. Then, when we have it in focus, the plug stays connected and we pick up where we left off. We don't have to warm up the prayer time. We don't have to "get into" the spirit. We live in it...we keep the bars up, the connection alive.

During this conference we may spend ten minutes in prayer or an hour. Whatever the time value, we want to plug in immediately to what the Spirit is doing. Let's pray for clarity in prayer so that no moments will be lost and no calls dropped. Plug in now! Get a clear connection.



**Pray for clarity and illumination of God's Word during this conference.**

"For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are **clearly** seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20).