

jenaministries – Part 3 List of Prayers

15. A Prayer for Putting God First

Dear Lord,

I usually come to you with requests of what I want you to do for me, and I am so grateful that you hear my every prayer. But this time, I'm asking you to help me put you first.

It is so easy to think of my comfort first and foremost. We come to you with our lists of requests for you to do in order to make us feel better. But I know that we're not supposed to do that as our first and foremost thing. And we are to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We are to put you first, then ourselves and others (**Scriptures 1 - God First**). I must admit, that is a hard thing to do.

Even when you taught us how to pray (**Scriptures 2 - How to Pray**), you taught us first recognize God as our Lord (our master), then ask for your will (not ours) to be done on Earth. Help me Lord to pray like that. May it not become routine or mundane. Rather it come from my heart and my soul; truly living it.

We are supposed to think of you first. And think of you all the time. That's hard to do when we are struggling to be happy in this world. But we must keep our eyes on you, which is where true happiness is (**Scriptures 3 - Keep Eyes on You**).

And we should always follow (and obey) you, for you know what's best for us (**Scriptures 4 - Follow You, You Know Best**). We think we know what is good for us, but we really don't. Even if we think you are leading us somewhere out of our comfort zone, we should always obey and follow. You will never lead us wrong. Not to say there will never be suffering, but to say you have a bigger plan and purpose. We must pick up our cross and follow you! Your will is so much more important than ours. Help me Lord, to always follow you, no matter what the circumstances.

Help me to not worry about things, but to just trust in you (**Scriptures 5 - Trust in You**). It's easy to think we can handle our own situations and solve our own problems. We often times don't even give you the opportunity to take care of things, even though that is the first thing we should do. We wait until we make a mess of things, then go to you for help. But if we always put you first, these things wouldn't happen to us. Oh, help us Lord.

You are so much more important than our possessions. However, it is easy to put our possessions above you (**Scriptures 6 - Possessions**). Our possessions make our lives easier and better. They give us comfort and satisfaction. Don't let us get too comfortable in our worldly possessions. Help us put you before all our Earthly belongings.

Please help me put you first! Forgive me for my selfishness. Convict my heart when I stray.

I pray this in your powerful, wonderful name of Jesus Christ, my Lord! Amen.

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Scriptures 1 - God First:

Matthew 6:31-33 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Scriptures 2 - How to Pray

Matthew 6:9-13 "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, *your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.* Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. '

James 4:2-3 You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Scriptures 3 - Keep Eyes on You

Psalms 27:4 "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: 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 inquire in his temple."

Psalms 89:15 Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Hebrews 12:2 We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete.

Scriptures 4 - Follow You , You Know Best

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.

Matthew 10:38-39 "And anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Luke 14:27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

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Scriptures 4 - Follow You , You Know Best - continued

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:47 The one who belongs to God hears what God says.

John 10:26-27 (Jesus said) "You do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

2 Timothy 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all, without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Scriptures 5 - Trust in You

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Scriptures 6 - Possessions

Luke 16:13 (Jesus said) "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money".

Philippians 3:3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

James 3:16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.