

THRIVE – Pray Daily
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Thriving means **flourishing** in our humanity as Jesus did in His. **1 John 2:6 (NIV)**

As oxygen is to our human life, so prayer is to our spiritual life.

Luke 11:1 (NIV) One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

A Pattern for Prayer – Matthew 9-13 (NIV)

1. **Our Father in heaven** – “I am your child and you are near.”

Prayer will never be enjoyable until you see God as a loving **Father**.

Matthew 7:11 (NIV) If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

2. **Hallowed be Your name** – “You are uniquely respected and loved.”

Jesus is giving us a framework for how to **live**.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

3. **Your kingdom come; Your will be done** – “What are you doing and how can I cooperate?”

Prayer is more about collaboration than **information**.

James 5:16 (NIV) The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

1. **On earth as it is in heaven** – “Give me your perspective and expectation.”

Let heaven come to earth through **me**.

Luke 22:42 (NIV) “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

2. **Give us today our daily bread** – “I receive your provision and your timing.”

God knows **when** and He knows **how much!**

Matthew 4:4 (NIV) Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

3. **Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors** – “Help me to love others like you love me.”

Forgiveness is a decision, and healing is a **process**.

Matthew 18: 21-22 (NIV) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” **22** Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

4. **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one** – “You know I am weak, but I know you will save me.”

“God, only You have the power we need to defeat **the evil one**.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV) No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

5. ***For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.** – “You are in charge and worthy of all I can give to you.” *Some later manuscripts

A habitual, secret, and silent conversation with God. – **Brother Lawrence**

That is what **21 Days of Prayer** is all about!