

7 Types/Facets of Prayer

1. PRAYER OF WORSHIP – Worship is the act of homage or reverence, denotes the feeling of awe or devotion; to present oneself in holy devotion. Worship is not only when we sing but is a time of deep personal intimacy with the Lord and may entail complete silence. God is looking for and seeking those that will worship Him in spirit and truth.

Jn. 4:23 - 24 "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

2. INTERCESSORY PRAYER - This prayer involves "standing in the gap" for a person, family, nation, etc. that have brought judgment upon themselves through wrongdoing or blindness. An example of how people have often been frustrated in their prayer lives would be praying for a loved one to be saved. Because there may be serious spiritual warfare one must learn to intercede and stand in the gap. In the Old Testament the Lord only needed one person to stand in the gap to spare an entire nation. Intercession often involves praying with the spirit (tongues) and can move into the realm of groaning and travailing. *Ezek 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God. KJV*

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. NET Bible

3. PRAYER OF FAITH - This prayer is based upon the revealed will of God found in His Word. Faith begins where the will of God is known. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith does not come by praying for faith. Faith is to

your prayer life what electricity is to an appliance. The prayer of faith should never contain the word "if."

It may seem insignificant but the little word "if" can change the entire context and meaning of a conversation or contract. An example of the prayer of faith would be a person receiving the Lord as their Savior. They should NOT pray "Lord heal me IF it be thy will..." because we know that the Lord is not only willing to heal but has already paid the price for it.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, [a] the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

Mk. 11:24 "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

4. PRAYER OF CONSECRATION - This is the prayer can and should contain the word "if". This prayer involves the dedication and surrender of our lives to the Lord's service. An example of this prayer could be in your seeking the will of God for your life when you pray "Lord if it is your will I will go to_____..." Again this may seem insignificant but the one little word "if" can change the entire context of your prayer.

Lk. 22:42 "Saying, 'Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.'"

5. PRAYER OF AGREEMENT - Involves two or more Believers in one accord praying together concerning a particular matter or situation. This is much more than simply saying "I agree with you". The word *agree* in Matthew 18 is the Greek word *symphoneo* from which we derive the word *symphony*. This is one of the most powerful types of prayer when two or more believers are in unity with the Holy Spirit and one another. The principle of agreement is the very reason that marriages are fought so vehemently by the adversary.

Mt. 18:18-20 "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

6. PRAYING WITH THE SPIRIT (Tongues) - Once a Believer is baptized in the Holy Spirit, praying in tongues becomes a very powerful means of spiritual edification. It can be used in intercession as the Holy Spirit prompts. This is a much higher form of prayer than praying with our natural understanding and is a means of personal edification. Thank God for the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit!

1 Cor 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. NKJV

1 Cor 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues , KJV

1 Cor 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: KJV

7. UNITED PRAYER – United prayer can move God in such a way that signs and wonders begin to occur. When believers lift up their voices in one accord there is synergistic power released. Both praying with the spirit and praying with the understanding may be involved.

Acts 4:24 ..."And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord and said. . ."

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.