



## THE PRAYER OF PETITION

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### DAY 1 – PRAYER BEGINS WITH GOD'S LOVE

Jesus had a lot to say about prayer. The first thing about prayer, or any other part of the Christian life, is that *God loves you*. There are all different kinds of prayer. Faith is the victory.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus had a lot to say about prayer.
  - Brother Copeland learned about the prayer of agreement from Kenneth E. Hagin.
  - Jesus said “I kept them in Your Name” (John 17:12). A better understanding is: “I kept them *inside* Your Name.”
  - Brother Copeland read John 17 and agreed with each verse.
  - Brother Copeland continued to read and agree, until he read, “that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me” (John 17:23).
    - He said, “No, no, no...there's no way the Father loves me just as much as He loves Jesus.” The thought of this glorious truth caused him to tremble.
    - He began hesitantly to say, “God loves Kenneth. God loves me as much as He does Jesus!”
  - Of course, God loves Kenneth! *God is Love*, and He can't do anything but love.
  - The truth that *God loves you* is an exceedingly precious promise. Settle that.
  - Jesus went to the cross to get God the Father's Love to you.
- II. The first thing about prayer, or any part of the Christian life, is that *God loves you*.
  - God loves those who keep His WORD; and Jesus promised to manifest Himself to us who love Him (John 14:21).
  - We love God and we must love one another. The world will see that we are Jesus' disciples by our Love for one another (John 13:34-35).
- III. There are all different kinds of prayer:
  - The prayer of salvation.
  - The prayer of agreement.





- The prayer of dedication.
- The whole armor of God includes prayer.
  - “Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty” (Ephesians 6:18, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*).
- Some Christians have used “not my will but Thy will be done” in the wrong context. Some pray a traditional prayer, instead of a specific prayer.
  - Too many Christians pray “scatter shot” prayers. It’s like throwing mud at a wall and seeing what sticks.
- A lady stopped when she heard the television news and asked The LORD, “How do You want me to pray about this?” Immediately a scripture rose up in her.
  - Then she knew how to pray, she had the promised answer to the prayer and it worked!
- Corporate prayer is a good thing.
  - Be cautious when you invite people on social media to pray. Make sure they are praying in agreement with you. You don’t want someone who will be “cross cutting” what you’re praying.

#### IV. Faith is the victory.

- We can overcome the world using our faith (1 John 5:4).
- God will answer our prayers if we pray His will.
  - “And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him” (1 John 5:14-15).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Faith works by Love, so it makes sense that a prayer of petition would have the motivation of God’s Love.

Pray this prayer with us:

*Father, thank You for Your awesome Love toward me. That wonderful Love assures me that You will answer my prayers of petition that are prayed in Love. Teach me to love like You love and let it shine everywhere I go and in everything I do to be a witness of You. I Love You, Father. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 2 – WHAT IS A PRAYER OF PETITION?

The prayer of petition goes to the very throne of God. The prayer of agreement gave Hannah, who was barren, a child. Write down the scriptures that your prayer of petition aligns with. Walk in Love and walk in faith. We are walking in God's power, if we walk in Love.

### STUDY IT

- I. The prayer of petition goes to the very throne of God.
  - We can have confidence that when God hears us, He will answer our prayers (1 John 5:14-15).
  - A petition is a request.
  
- II. The prayer of agreement gave Hannah, who was barren, a child.
  - Eli, the high priest, said to Hannah, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition" (1 Samuel 1:17). That's agreement.
  - After Hannah conceived, she bore a son and named him Samuel. His name means *ask of God*.
    - She said, "For this child I prayed and The LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him" (1 Samuel 1:20).
  - Later in his life, Samuel was directed by The LORD to go to Jesse's house, the house of Judah, to anoint his son David as king of Israel (1 Samuel 16:12).
  - The anointing on David goes all the way back to Hannah's prayer, the prayer of petition that she put before God that redirected the nation of Israel.
    - David was of the tribe of Judah. His descendant, Jesus, was known as the Son of David. Her prayer extended all the way to the birth of Jesus.
    - Without her prayer, David would not have been anointed by Samuel, and he would not have had a descendant, Jesus, the Son of God.
  
- III. Write down the scriptures that your prayer of petition aligns with; those scriptures are God's vision (Habakkuk 2:2-3).
  - Write down your prayer of petition.
  - Love is the key issue to everything because God is Love.





- God's standby power is the Holy Spirit who abides in people who know The WORD of God and call on Him.
- God's standby power is more powerful than anything the devil has or can do.
- Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever" (John 14:16).

IV. Walk in Love and walk in faith.

- Brother Copeland prayed the prayer of petition by faith.
  - He prayed it, wrote it down, and began to thank God for it every day.
- His petition went before the throne of grace.
- Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).
- There is a straight and narrow way—that's the Love walk. We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

V. We are walking in God's power if we walk in Love.

- The word of The LORD came to Brother Copeland and said, *You are struggling. Let The WORD fight its own fight. The sword of the Spirit is The WORD of God.*
- The LORD continued, *Take My WORD and build your prayer around it and its promises. My WORD is ratified in My blood. My WORD will never pass away.*
- Make a quality decision to walk in Love.
- The Love walk declares that God's will that you prayed is done.
- Call things that are not as though they already exist (Romans 4:17). Continue to do so until they do exist—however long it takes.
- The prayer of petition is based on asking the Father what you want; continue in His Love, and you will have it (John 15:7-9).
- Abide under the shadow of El Shaddai. He is my Refuge, my Fortress, my God; in Him I do trust (Psalm 91:1-2).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

A prayer of petition is simply asking God. It's good to write down your prayer of petition and put the date you prayed it. Continue to thank God for answering your prayer, knowing that if you pray His will, He will do it!

Write something you are petitioning God for:

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### DAY 3 – WRITE THE PETITION AND VISION

The prayer of petition is a powerful prayer. Jesus had confidence in the Apostle John, so we pay attention to what John wrote. Write the vision; write a prayer of petition. Work with God's WORD to establish the vision.

#### STUDY IT

- I. The prayer of petition is a powerful prayer.
  - Supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks—that's a petition for all men (1 Timothy 2:1-4). It's my job to forgive and also to pray.
  - The Spirit of God said to Gloria, *In consistency lies the power.*
    - We don't just say we're well when we are sick; it's what we say all the time that matters.
    - We are responsible for all the words we say, all day and all night.
  - A young lawyer asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment of all.
    - It is to love The LORD your God with all your heart, mind and strength; and the second is: Love your neighbor as yourself.
    - On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets, and they guarantee THE BLESSING of Abraham on us.
  
- II. Jesus had confidence in the Apostle John, so we pay attention to what John wrote.
  - John wrote, "When we love God, we keep His commandments. Whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us: and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (1 John 5:2-4, 14-15).
  - As long as we walk in Love and faith, we are part of the "untouchables."
    - "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not" (1 John 5:18).
    - "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).





- III. Write the vision; write a prayer of petition (Habakkuk 2:2).
- God said, *You write down My WORD and say, "It is written" because you wrote it.*
  - Brother Copeland has written down God's WORD for years. He puts scriptures on his mirror to go over his petition each morning—Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:14-17; and 1 Peter 2:24.
  - Whether your petition has to do with finances, family, business, ministry or church, pray over it.
  - Meditate on it, think about it. Take the time to get before The LORD.
  - For Brother Copeland's petitions, he meditated on the prayers that Jesus and the Apostle Paul prayed.
- IV. Work with God's WORD to establish the vision.
- God's WORD is full of power.
    - "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken and shall not make it good? I have received commandment to BLESS: and He has BLESSED; and I cannot reverse it" (Numbers 23:19-20).
  - God gave Brother Copeland his personal heavenly vision which became the mission statement of Kenneth Copeland Ministries.
    - The mission of Kenneth Copeland Ministries is to minister the Word of Faith, by teaching believers who they are in Christ Jesus; taking them from the milk of The WORD to the meat and from religion to reality.
  - "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. All men shall know that you are My disciples if you have Love one to another" (John 13:34-35).
  - The one who practices God's Love is the one to whom The LORD will manifest Himself (John 14:21).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Spend time with The LORD to find out His vision for your life. As He speaks to you through His WORD, write it down and meditate on what He is saying to you.

Write down the heavenly vision for your life as you know it now.

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### DAY 4 – PRAY YOUR PETITION ON PURPOSE

Jesus had an important commandment to give His disciples. Without God, we can do nothing. With God, all things are possible. Peter used the Name of Jesus to heal the crippled man.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus had an important commandment to give His disciples.
  - “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have Love one to another” (John 13:34-35).
  - It’s the one who practices Jesus’ commandment, His Love, and is aware of it all the time, to whom Jesus will manifest Himself (John 14:21).
  
- II. Without God, we can do nothing. With God, all things are possible.
  - We must abide in the Vine.
    - “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).
  - If you are not abiding in God’s WORD and His WORD is not abiding in you, you can do nothing. Read and listen to God’s WORD.
  - Be confident that God hears you when you believe and pray His WORD.
  - Prayer does not make faith work. Faith makes prayer work.
  - Oral Roberts said that in most cases, Christian failure is a prayer failure—not knowing how to pray, when to pray it, how to ask it, or how to receive it.
    - You have to pray on purpose to receive your petitions.
  - Brother Roberts sowed \$50 into the offering for a house for him and his wife.
    - He learned about seedtime and harvest in the financial realm from a farmer who brought him a seed of \$400 for the house.
    - That \$400 was a seed for the farmer, but it was a harvest to Brother Roberts on the \$50 he had sown.
  - Brother Roberts received the spiritual concept of seedtime and harvest before he went into the miracle ministry.





- III. Peter used the Name of Jesus and the crippled man was healed (Acts 3:16).
- Jesus walked by the crippled man at the Gate Beautiful many times, gave him alms, but didn't heal him.
  - The assignment to heal the man was reserved for the time Jesus was already in heaven. The man was healed by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazaeth.
  - Jesus said, "And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you" (John 16:23).
    - In other words, "Whatever you demand to be loosed to you in My Name, I will do it."
  - Peter said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"
    - He demanded healing in Jesus' Name, and the man went into the Temple walking, leaping and praising God (Acts 3:6-8).

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

By this time, you have been working on writing down your heavenly calling (vision). You will need things to complete this vision. That means you are ready to pray a prayer of petition.

Before you begin praying, write down the scriptures you are standing on to get what you need. Hint: Start with Philippians 4:19.

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### DAY 5 – PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Faith and hope are important; and Love is the greatest of all. The WORD of God separated Brother Copeland from sin. The WORD is God's wisdom and His will. Meditate on God's WORD.

### STUDY IT

- I. Faith is now. Faith and hope are important; and Love is the greatest of all.
  - People say the world was formed out of nothing. No, it was formed out of faith (Hebrews 11:3). You just couldn't see the faith that formed it.
  - You can't see words when people speak, but they have impact. All words have impact.
  - You must stay connected to God with prayer, faith and the study of His WORD.
  - If you don't know where your Bible is, you're not connected to His WORD.
  - You have to put on God's armor.
    - "Be strong in The LORD and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God. We wrestle not against flesh and blood" (Ephesians 6:10-12).
  - Totally immerse yourself in faith to the point where you think and speak faith.
  
- II. The WORD of God separated Brother Copeland from sin.
  - He was delivered from profanity the moment he was born again. Later, by immersing himself in God's WORD, he was delivered from smoking.
  - Years ago, Brother Copeland began to have pain in his elbow joints.
    - The LORD told him he had abused coffee by drinking it too much, and it was affecting his joints.
    - Brother Copeland took Communion over his coffee-making things, pushed them away and said, "I have no need of you in my life again, hereafter forever."
    - From that day until this, coffee is gone from his life.
  - You can be freed from tobacco, hard drugs and any other habit if you take Communion and push it away. Do it by faith.



- Brother Ed Cole instructed men to do the same thing with a pornography addiction. Faith in God's WORD works!

III. The WORD is God's wisdom and His will.

- There are different kinds of prayer: the prayer of petition, the prayer of faith in the armor of God, the prayer of intercession and the prayer of dedication (not my will but Yours be done).
- If any man lack wisdom, ask God in faith, without wavering, hesitating or doubting, and God will give it (James 1:5-6).
- You must spend time meditating in God's WORD.
  - The wisdom of God is found in the book of Proverbs (Proverbs 4:7).
  - One of the manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit is the word of wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8).
- Faith is involved in all of it.

IV. Meditate the Book!

- "Meditate on The WORD day and night, observe to do according to all that is written, for then you shall make your way prosperous and have good success" (Joshua 1:8).
  - Allow the Spirit of God to be your financial advisor.
- "Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30).
- "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Prayer changes everything. Sometimes we need circumstances to change. Other times, we need to change our thinking, our words and our actions. The prayer of faith will do all those things. It's exciting to live a life of change in God, and we want to know some of your answers to prayers of petition. [Click here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#) so we can praise God with you.

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