

# Prayer Principles

**PRAY THE SCRIPTURES** – Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

- It is the best source material for our prayers.
- Pray the Scripture back to God.

**PRAY IN JESUS 'NAME** – John 14:12-14 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

- You have the authority of Jesus when you pray.
- You belong to the family; you can use his name.

**PRAY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT** – Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

- Pray under the direction and influence of the Holy Spirit.

**PRAY TOGETHER** – Matthew 18:19-20 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

- The power of agreement is in the relationships.
- Speak your prayers and engage your whole person (body, soul and spirit).

**PRAY CONTINUOUSLY** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- Prayer becomes intermingled with your daily thoughts, words and actions.
- "A habitual, secret and silent conversation with God" – Brother Lawrence