

Breathe Again Series
Beneficial Prayer

Luke 11:1

Introduction - To be a Christian without **PRAYER** is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Example: Prayer at football banquet/ enjoying prayer

I. Prayer **OUTLINE** - Matthew 6:9-13 KJV

- Take it personally - “Our Father”
- Might be a hurdle for those that have had less than honorable earthly fathers
- God loves us and loves being with us - Romans 8:14-15

II. **NAMES** Matter - Proverbs 18:10

- “Hallowed Be Thy Name” - God’s Names express different facets of His Being and Power
- He is our Peace, Protector, Provider...
- “Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done in earth as it is in Heaven”
- seek God’s agenda first
- His Will keeps us farsighted - Be attentive to God’s agenda first:
seeking the lost, serving others, being generous to those in need

III. Bakery **BREAD**

- “Give us this day our daily bread” asking His Presence and Provision in areas of life - Psalm 121:1-2 NLT
- Touchy stuff - “forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”
- Blind spots - Psalm 139:23 - Desensitized and shockproof/ looser and self-justifying - Matthew 6:14-15
- Negative or positive - Romans 12:21 NLT

IV. **BATTLE** Cry

- “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil”
- We are in a constant war - Ephesians 6:10-11,18
- Pray like a street fighter - James 5:16

V. **JOYFUL** Endings

- “For Thine is the Kingdom, Power and Glory forever. Amen”
- We must believe in God’s ability to act out His purpose in our lives
- 1 John 5:14-15
- 21 Days of Prayer

Conclusion - May we spend time talking and listening to the One who made you and **LOVES** you the most.