

Praying for Ourselves

Guideline #1: Pray for God's _____

Luke 18:9-14 “To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men — robbers, evildoers, adulterers — or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” **NIV**

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” **NIV**

Matthew 6:12 “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” **NIV**

Matthew 6:14-15 “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” **NIV**

Guideline #2: Pray for God's _____

Psalms 138:3 “As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.” **NLT**

Guideline #3: Pray for God's _____

1 Chronicles 4:10 “...Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.” **NIV**

James 4:2-3 “...You do not have, because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” **NIV**

Guideline #4: Pray for God's _____

Matthew 6:9-10 “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” **NIV**

Matthew 26:39 “Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” **NIV**