

Connecting to God Provides Power

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹“Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰‘Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹‘Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]’

Each of us needs to have an ongoing conversation with God throughout each day. The connection we participate in gives us the power to work within His power and authority. We gain confidence when we know we are heading in the right direction. Peace and contentment flood our lives when we know His forgiveness. We experience security when we are with Him. Here are five things that help us connect to God in prayer.

We need to

1. Recognize who God is.

Exodus 15:2, 1 Kings 8:27, 1 Chronicles 29:13, 2 Chronicles 20:6, Psalm 86:12, 150:1-6

2. Appeal for God’s intervention.

Matthew 3:2, Luke 22:42, John 5:30, 6:38, Romans 9:19-21, Isaiah 64:8

3. Ask for God’s provision.

Isaiah 33:16, 49:10, Proverbs 30:8

4. Repent personally and restore others.

Psalm 32:1, Matthew 26:28, Ephesians 1:7, 4:32, 1 John 1:7-9, Mark 11:25, Galatians 6:1

5. Crave God’s rescue.

John 17:15, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 2 Timothy 4:18, 2 Peter 2:9