

# The Journeymen Prayer

## God of Truth, Love, and Limitless Sovereignty,

It's because of Jesus The Christ that I inquire of You today...**by faith**. Yet I don't come to you because you need me. You don't need me. You are not served by human hands as though you needed ANYTHING from me. It's me that's needs You Father. It's You that gives me life...and even the breath to articulate this prayer right now. You are the fountain...and I am thirsty. You are the bread...and I am hungry. You are TOTALLY wise in all of Your ways...and I am often inattentive to your council. You are immeasurably strong and mighty...and I am incredibly weak and needy. That's why I'm praying and seeking Your counsel today.

Father, I am humbled beyond words at how devoted You remain to the purposes You have for me. The offering of the blood-bought sacrifice of Your one and only Son—may the weight of Jesus' sacrifice for my redemption fall afresh on me today. Let me not expedite my prayers past the atoning reality...that because of Your love...and for Your name's sake...to pay my debt...to display Your Glory...Jesus died...submitted to death for three days, and effortlessly rose from the grave on that third day. To Christ, all praise is due. Not to me...Abba Father....not to me, **But to Praise Christ!** Therefore, may Your will be done presently on earth as it is done without error in heaven. Cause Your name amongst all people groups to be known, and revered, and feared, and loved... and might You start right here—in my heart and mind today. Father, I declare that I want You to have my whole of my heart.

Therefore, I confess every area of known sin in my life that breaks your heart. The greatest being that I am not fully and finally satisfied in You. Thank you for your mercy, grace, and patience as I follow You imperfectly...Holy Spirit, help me to SEE. Help me to see and experience Jesus as infinitely more satisfying in juxtaposition to everything else in the universe. I don't say all these things because You aren't unaware of my needs. Holy Spirit, You and the Father and the Son, are TOTALLY aware of my needs... and especially, my heart condition. That's why I'm pleading for You to re-orientate my affections; so that I might long for deeper holiness. Father, You are holy and I want my affections to be re-orientated to desire You above all else. To be set apart for You...unweighted by sin and depravity. That's what it means to holy. Therefore I need Your forgiveness. Father, that's why I'm repenting and asking You to forgive me. For above all things, I long to be unweighted by everything that separates me from you; so that I might instead be comprehensively satisfied in you—beyond all the delights...and all pleasures...and all tragedies and realities...and all circumstances.

ABBA Father, remind me that my prayers aren't honored based upon their wordiness or worthiness...Don't let them be—for there is nothing unique or mystical about them at all. Don't allow me to presume that my prayers will be answered based upon my own merits. Father, don't let me. For I am meritless apart from Christ. Therefore, I don't seek Your intervention in my life because I am worthy of answers, but because Christ is supremely worthy of Your intervention and answers. And I am in Christ. And Christ is in me. That's what I mean Lord when I say that I pray with confidence because of Jesus The Christ. So I offer up this prayer because—through Scripture You have told me to pray, and I seek to honor You through my obedience and through my happiness in doing so. Now...Holy Spirit, help me to resist the temptation of believing that my prayers are somehow invalid because of my unworthiness. Remove any kernel of doubt that prayer itself is not a real and active conduit into the Holy presence of my Abba Father. My prayers are real because Jesus said so and demonstrated so with His life. My prayers are valid because Jesus paid the fee with His blood to make them valid and sent me You—Holy Spirit...to be my supreme Helper. And I'm so eternally grateful for that.

Therefore, despite the mystery of HOW and WHEN You elect to respond to my requests... I know I can leave this prayer supremely encouraged that You heard me. Father, I thank You because You always hear me. And that helps my heart to remain confident, It helps my heart to remain patient, and most importantly, it helps my heart to find peace; so that I might live joyfully with confidence that you are actively working all things into alignment—for comprehensive good... and I have the honor of being included in that comprehensively good plan.

So for Christ's sake...on the authority of His blood... for the increase of my joy and satisfaction...for the purpose of illuminating Your Glory—I ask for increased faith that Your Will is being done regarding everything that I have spoken about today. I also ask for peace through the outcomes that You consider necessary to the overarching redemptive plans You have for me and all of creation. No matter how perplexing or unreasonable they may seem to my finite ability to understand... because I do believe You are good and know what's best; but Father heal the parts of me that still doubt your goodness and total sovereignty. Finally, help me to walk in total harmony with Your Word so that I might see this day as You see it. For your vantage point is far superior than mine. And that makes me glad. It's because of your beautiful name that I pray ~ **AMEN**