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A Sermon by Terrell Powell

Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red, the way Terrell wrote them.

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Theme:

> Prayer is more than words.

Prayer is relationship with God.

PART 1 — OPENING NARRATIVE

Before the Prayer Begins

Use your complete opening beginning:

> “Millions of people around the world know this prayer…”

and ending:

> “You may never hear the Lord’s Prayer the same way again.”

PART 2 — DO YOU REALIZE WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO?

Explain the privilege of prayer.

We are talking to:

The Creator.

The Almighty God.

The One who created Heaven and Earth.

The One who created the stars.

The One who created life.

And Jesus teaches us that we can call Him:

> “Father.”

Main preaching point:

> We get to talk to God.

PART 3 — LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Luke 11:1

The disciples had seen miracles.

They had seen healing.

They had seen demons obey Jesus.

They had seen storms obey Him.

But they asked:

> “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Then explain that Jesus gave them a pattern for approaching the Father.

PART 4 — FIVE PRAYERS FROM SCRIPTURE

1. Hannah — Prayer From the Heart

1 Samuel 1:10–18

Lesson: Be honest with God.

2. Solomon — Prayer for God's Wisdom

1 Kings 3:5–12

Lesson: Ask for what helps you accomplish God's will.

3. Jehoshaphat — Prayer of Dependence

2 Chronicles 20:5–12

> “Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.”

Lesson: Sometimes prayer simply says:

> “God, I don't know what to do, but I'm looking to You.”

4. David — Prayer of Repentance

Psalm 51

> “Create in me a clean heart, O God…”

Lesson: Prayer is a place where we can become honest about our sin.

5. Jesus — Prayer of Surrender

Luke 22:42

> “Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”

Lesson: Prayer is not controlling God.

Prayer says:

> “Father, Your will is greater than mine.”

PART 5 — THE LORD'S PRAYER, LINE BY LINE

“OUR FATHER”

RELATIONSHIP

Main thought:

> I know who I am talking to.

Prayer begins with relationship.

“WHICH ART IN HEAVEN”

REVERENCE

Main thought:

> He is my Father, but He is also King.

Come close—but come with honor.

“HALLOWED BE THY NAME”

WORSHIP

Main thought:

> Before “Give me” comes “Hallowed be Thy name.”

Start by recognizing God's holiness.

“THY KINGDOM COME”

GOD'S RULE

Main thought:

> “Father, You be King.”

Rule my heart.

Rule my home.

Rule my family.

Rule my decisions.

Rule my life.

“THY WILL BE DONE”

SURRENDER

Main thought:

> “Father, I trust Your will more than mine.”

Prayer is not only asking God to agree with us.

Prayer also changes us so we can agree with God.

“GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD”

DEPENDENCE

Main thought:

> I need God every day.

Daily strength.

Daily wisdom.

Daily peace.

Daily grace.

Daily provision.

“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS”

REPENTANCE

Main thought:

> “Father, forgive me.”

Prayer is where we stop pretending.

We need mercy.

We need cleansing.

We need grace.

“AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS”

FORGIVENESS

Main thought:

> Forgiven people should become forgiving people.

Forgiveness does not mean the wrong was right.

Forgiveness releases revenge into God's hands.

“LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION”

GUIDANCE

Main thought:

> “Father, guide me and keep me.”

God does not tempt us with evil.

We are recognizing that we need His guidance.

“BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL”

PROTECTION

Main thought:

> “Father, protect me.”

There are things we see.

There are things we cannot see.

There are spiritual battles.

God is our Deliverer.

NEW SECTION

“FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM”

HIS AUTHORITY

Earlier we prayed:

> “Thy kingdom come.”

Now we end by declaring:

> “For Thine is the kingdom…”

The Kingdom belongs to God.

He is King.

He has authority.

Main thought:

> The final authority belongs to God.

“AND THE POWER”

HIS ABILITY

Why can we ask Him for provision?

Why can we ask Him for forgiveness?

Why can we ask Him for protection?

Why can we ask Him for deliverance?

Because:

> The power belongs to Him.

Main thought:

> I don't leave prayer trusting my strength.

I leave prayer trusting God's power.

“AND THE GLORY”

HIS HONOR

If God provides—

He gets the glory.

If God delivers—

He gets the glory.

If God forgives—

He gets the glory.

If God carries us through—

He gets the glory.

Main thought:

> Prayer should not make us bigger.

Prayer should make God bigger in our eyes.

“FOREVER”

HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM

Earthly kingdoms rise.

Earthly kingdoms fall.

Leaders come.

Leaders go.

But God's Kingdom remains.

Main thought:

> Our Father is the eternal King.

“AMEN”

I AGREE

Amen is more than:

“My prayer is finished.”

It carries the sense of:

Truly.

So be it.

Let it be so.

I have prayed.

I have trusted.

I have surrendered.

And now:

> I leave it with God.

Amen.

PART 6 — NOW LOOK AT THE WHOLE PRAYER

OUR FATHER — Relationship

WHICH ART IN HEAVEN — Reverence

HALLOWED BE THY NAME — Worship

THY KINGDOM COME — God's Rule

THY WILL BE DONE — Surrender

DAILY BREAD — Dependence

FORGIVE US — Repentance

AS WE FORGIVE — Forgiveness

LEAD US — Guidance

DELIVER US — Protection

THINE IS THE KINGDOM — His Authority

THE POWER — His Ability

THE GLORY — His Honor

FOREVER — His Eternal Kingdom

AMEN — I Agree

PART 7 — THE FULL-CIRCLE REVELATION

Here is where I would slow the sermon down.

The prayer begins:

> “Our Father…”

And it ends:

> “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

So think about what Jesus' prayer has shown us.

We enter recognizing Him as Father.

And we leave recognizing Him as King.

We come because of relationship.

We leave giving Him glory.

We bring Him our needs.

But we finish remembering that everything belongs to Him.

The Kingdom is His.

The power is His.

The glory is His.

FINAL CLOSING — MORE THAN WORDS

Prayer is not only about asking.

Prayer is about recognizing.

Recognizing who God is.

Recognizing who we are.

Recognizing how much we need Him.

Recognizing that He is holy.

Recognizing that He is King.

Recognizing that He has the power.

Recognizing that He deserves the glory.

So the next time you pray:

> “Our Father…”

don't rush.

Remember who you're talking to.

The Creator.

The King.

The Provider.

The Forgiver.

The Deliverer.

Your Father.

And may the cry of our hearts always be:

> “Lord… teach us to pray.”

ABOUT THIS BOOK

The Lord's Prayer broken down line by line, plain and simple — the way the disciples asked Jesus: Lord, teach us to pray.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."
PSALM 119:105 — KJV

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