

- Compass—Determine true North
- Call to move from head-knowledge to experiential prayer
- Prayer brings God into the equations and me into God's work
- Are our lives known as being lives of prayer and praise...
morning and evening office/psalm a day
- 5 Pillars—prayer, word, evangelism, miracles, suffering
- Confidence in and commitment to God's Story
- Anticipation/expectation

- Prayer is a commitment to the will of God...all true prayer exercises its truest faith in patiently waiting to see what He has determined to do
- Such promises are intended to bring us with confidence into the place of prayer; they speak to us of a God who can do all things, who is so generous that he will withhold nothing from us that is good and whose ears are open to our every word. But the one thing the promises do not encourage or allow is that we should come into the place of prayer in a stubborn insistence that we have got it right, and that our will must be done.
- Not my will but Your will be done (In the Name of the Lord—first concern is God's will)

(Keller)

- Prayer might not remove affliction but it will transform it

Confess

- To person wronged
- With spirit of penitence
- For purpose of reconciliation
- For if, on the one side, pride battles hard against confessing sin, pride battles equally hard against the simple reaching out of a forgiving hand.
- Sometimes it is not just pride which holds back from forgiveness, but also fear: fear of trusting oneself to someone who has, possibly, been grievously treacherous or cruelly hurtful.

- Great Power in Prayer—Power of Sufficiency
- Effectiveness of Prayer—Releases God's Power
- Foundation of Prayer—Righteous man
- Prayer results are Supernatural—Results only God can bring about
- Thing of power, simplicity and confidence—simplicity of human prayer and power of divine response
- I will do it this once so that you will know I can; after that you must just trust me.' Prayer involves the patience which awaits the divine response. It is part of the simplicity of prayer to act in simple faith—faith that the Lord's moment will come, and that he will do 'far more abundantly than all that we ask or think' (Eph. 3:20).

Roadblocks

- Unbelief
- Indifference
- Priorities
- It is work
- Hope in wrong things—wrong motives
- Not willing to grow in prayer
- Not mainly asking but seeking/not mainly talking but listening
- Unwillingness to keep asking
- Fear/pride—what others think
- Willingness to obey
- Formal vs. never cease praying—soaking prayers, flash prayers, searching—loan faith

Lord's Prayer

- Confident Faith—Our Father
- Transforming Faith—Worshiping Prayer (Holy)
- Responsible Faith-Kingdom Come
- Dependent—Daily Bread
- Releasing Faith-Forgive
- Obedient Faith-Temptation
- Trusting Faith—In His Time—Thine is the Kingdom

(Hayford)

- Worship, Thanksgiving, Confession, Intercession, Personal Petitions

1. Am I becoming more and more patient in the testings of life?
2. Do I play with temptation or resist it from the start?
3. Do I find joy in obeying the Word of God, or do I merely study it and learn it?
4. Are there any prejudices that shackle me?
5. Am I able to control my tongue?
6. Am I a peacemaker rather than a troublemaker? Do people come to me for spiritual wisdom?
7. Am I a friend of God or a friend of the world?
8. Do I make plans without considering the will of God?
9. Am I selfish when it comes to money? Am I unfaithful in the paying of my bills?
10. Do I naturally depend on prayer when I find myself in some kind of trouble?
11. Am I the kind of person others seek for prayer support?
12. What is my attitude toward the wandering brother? Do I criticize and gossip, or do I seek to restore him in love?