

pray

#11 "HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR FUTURE" - PART 2

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV) Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "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.

1. Tell God and others what you're targeting for transformation.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NIV) Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.

Matthew 18:19, 20 (NIV) Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them.

James 5:16 (NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

2. Expect something wonderful to happen.

Jabez prayed because he believed that there was a God in heaven who:

- ▶ Cared about him.
- ▶ Cared about the issues that were diminishing and destroying his life.
- ▶ Had the power to help him break these curses and overcome these issues.
- ▶ Was willing to intervene.

John 10:10 (NIV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Mark 11:22 (NIV) "Have faith in God," Jesus answered.

1 John 5:14, 15 (NIV) This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of Him.