

PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION; WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

According to the definitions found:

Supplication (also known as petitioning) is a form of **prayer**, wherein one party humbly or earnestly asks another party to provide something, either for the party who is doing the supplicating (e.g., "Please spare my life.") or on behalf of someone else. Supplication is a form of prayer in which someone makes a humble petition, or an entreaty God.

Prayer can be defined as sincere thanksgiving, or requests made to God. In prayer, there is always a request in **supplication**. In this type of **prayer**, one asks for or desires something from God. In prayer we are giving honor, glory and reverence to God.

The Demonstration Given to Us by Jesus Christ Himself of Prayer and Supplication

When we pray, we should take the example Jesus gave us in his model prayer, and in the prayer, he prayed in Matthew 6 and in John 17.

1. Honor, give praise, and glorify God.
2. Confess your sins to God, ask His forgiveness for your sin.
3. Give thanks to God for His forgiveness and the grace that we have through Jesus Christ.
4. Then, make your supplications (your petition) known to God. Pray for your needs, and the needs of others.

Remember, God knows the desires and the intent of your heart; therefore, the unspoken prayers as well as the spoken prayers are also heard. God blesses us not because of what we do or how we do it, He blesses us because of our relationship with Him. Prayer and supplication are key, because it is what builds our relationship with Him.

Going Before the Throne of God

From your mind's eye, what does your prayer look like in the spiritual realm, when you go before the throne of God in prayer? A clear description of the throne room of God, and how we should come before God's throne are described in the scriptures below:

- [Revelation 4:1-6](#) (*The throne room of God is described*).
- [Psalm 118:6-8](#); [1 John 5:14-15](#) (*Going before the Lord with confidence*).
- [Hebrews 11:6](#); [Jude 1:20](#) (*Your faith before the throne*).

Jesus provided to us very specific instructions on how we should pray. In each verse, he tells us what we should say in reverence to our Father in Heaven. Jesus tells us to:

- Acknowledge that God is our Father in heaven.
- Honor the Holy name of God.

- Pray for His Kingdom to come.
- Acknowledge that God's perfect will is done.
- Profess the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
- Pray for our daily bread (spiritual food).
- Lift all nations and people up in prayer.
- Ask for forgiveness, and forgive others as God forgave us.
- Ask that we not be led into temptation.
- Ask that we be delivered from evil.

In [John 17](#), Jesus prays for all that are his; in verses:

- Verses 1-5: Jesus prays for himself.
- Verses 6-19: Jesus prays for His Disciples;
- Verses 20-26: Jesus prays for all believers.

When we pray, things happen! [Prayer is the most abundant, yet underused, resource available to the church today](#). Where prayer has been emphasized in the church, the church has grown. Jesus said: "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened ([Matthew 7:7-8](#))."

What do we understand about prayer?

- Prayer is relationship with God.
- Attitude of the heart toward God.
- Hearing the voice of God.
- Speaking God's word back to Him through prayer.
- Tool for intercession.
- Your anointing is received through prayer.
- Intercession for others (pray for others).
- We are the watchman on the wall ([Isaiah 62:6-7](#); [Matthew 26:40-41](#); [Mark 13:33-37](#)).

Things to remember when we pray:

- Wait on the Lord ([Psalm 46:10-11](#)).
- Enlist others to pray with you ([Matthew 6:5-14](#)).
- Set aside a place for prayer ([Matthew 6:6](#)).
- Make time to pray ([Psalms 32:6](#)).
- Intercede for others ([Isaiah 59:16](#), [Ezekiel 22:30](#)).
- Be prepared to give account ([Romans 14:10-12](#), [Luke 16:1-2](#)).
- Know that each one of us is accountable ([Matthew 16:26-28](#); [Romans 2:5-7](#)).
- Teach others to pray ([Matthew 6:5-14](#)).
- Give God the Glory ([Psalm 29:1-4](#); [1 Chronicles 16:28-30](#); [Jude 1:24-25](#); [Isaiah 42:8](#))