

LOVE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP  
SCHOOL OF TRAINING



PRAYER – Lesson 1

1] Foundations of a Prayer Life

Luke 11:1 (NLT)

**Luke 11:1 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

✚ Jesus prayed before He taught His Disciples to pray!

Matthew 6:9-13 The Passion Translation

**9** Pray like this: ‘Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. **10** Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. **11** We acknowledge you as our Provider of all we need each day. **12** Forgive us the wrongs we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. **13** Rescue us every time we face tribulation and set us free from evil. For you are the King who rules with power and glory forever. Amen.’

✚ Jesus came to restore fellowship with His Father and mankind.

Genesis 3:8-13 Contemporary English Version

<sup>8</sup> Late in the afternoon, when the breeze began to blow, the man and woman heard the LORD God walking in the garden. So they hid behind some trees.

**Sin Brings a Curse**

<sup>9</sup> The **LORD God** called out to the man and asked, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup> The man answered, “I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!”<sup>11</sup> “How did you know you were naked?” God asked. “Did you eat any fruit from that tree in the middle of the garden?”<sup>12</sup> “It was the woman you put here with me,” the man said. “She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it.”<sup>13</sup> The **LORD God** then asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The snake tricked me,” she answered, “and I ate some of that fruit.”

**22** The LORD said, “They now know the difference between right and wrong, just as we do. But they must not be allowed to eat fruit from the tree that lets them live forever.”<sup>23</sup> So the **LORD God** sent them out of the Garden of Eden, where they would have to work the ground from which the man had been made.<sup>24</sup> Then **God** put winged creatures at the entrance to the garden and a flaming, flashing sword to guard the way to the life-giving tree.

✚ **LORD= JEHOVAH: THE GOD WHO REVEALS HIMSELF**

✚ **God = ELOHIM: THE AWESOME CREATOR**

## Luke 3:21 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

One day, Jesus came to be baptized along with all the others. **As He was consumed with the spirit of prayer**, the heavenly realm ripped open above him and the Holy Spirit descended from heaven in the form of a dove and landed on him. Then God's audible voice was heard, saying, "My Son, you are my beloved one. Through you I am fulfilled."

- ✚ Jesus teaches us to pray when we enter a NEW level in our lives.

## Luke 6:12-13 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

### Choosing the Twelve

<sup>12</sup> Now at this time Jesus went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup> When day came, He called His disciples and selected twelve of them, whom He also named apostles (special messengers, personally chosen representatives)

- ✚ **Pray before a making an important decision.**  
On the night before choosing His 12 closest disciples, Jesus "spent the whole night in prayer to God". Such a crucial decision prompted an all-night prayer session. When we face weighty and very important decisions, we can pray and turn to God for wisdom and guidance!
- ✚ **These 12 men were going to continue His Father's assignment on earth when He went back to Heaven. Jesus would sit next His Father again and rule next to HIM!**

## Luke 5:12-16 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

One day, while Jesus was in a certain city, he came upon a man covered with leprous sores. When the man recognized Jesus, he fell on his face at Jesus' feet and begged to be healed, saying, "If you were willing, you could completely heal me."

<sup>13-14</sup> Jesus reached out and touched him and said, "Of course I am willing to heal you, and now you will be healed." Instantly, the leprous sores were healed, and his skin became smooth. Jesus said, "Tell no one what has happened, but go to the temple priests and show them you've been healed. And to show that you are purified, make an offering for your cleansing, **just as Moses commanded. You will become a living testimony to them!**"

<sup>15</sup> After this miracle, the news about Jesus spread even farther. Massive crowds continually gathered to hear him speak and to be healed from their illnesses.

<sup>16</sup> **But Jesus often slipped away from them and went into the wilderness to pray.**

- ✚ Jesus teaches us to always pray when men start to see your gift and want to follow you.
- ✚ Jesus teaches us to always obey the Commands of His Father so He is always Glorified and not us! It has nothing to do with us.
- ✚ **Wilderness: solitary, lonely, desolate, uninhabited**: of places. A place where we are totally alone with Father for more instruction.

## Mark 1:34-38 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

### JESUS PRAYS, PREACHES, HEALS AND CASTS OUT DEMONS

<sup>34</sup> Jesus healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. But he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew who he really was.

<sup>35</sup> **The next morning, Jesus got up long before daylight, left the house while it was dark, and made his way to a secluded place to give himself to prayer.** <sup>36</sup> Later, Simon and his friends searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they finally tracked him down, they told him, “Everyone is looking for you—they want you!” <sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, “We have to go on to the surrounding villages so that I can share my message with the people there, for that is my mission.” <sup>39</sup> So he went throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the Jewish synagogues and casting out demons.

✚ Jesus teaches us that praying before the sun rises to go from victory to victory!

## 2] ALL POWER IS IN THE NAME OF JESUS

### John 14:12-14 AMP

<sup>12</sup> I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

<sup>13</sup> And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My **Name** [as presenting all that I Am], so that the Father may be glorified *and* extolled in (through) the Son. <sup>14</sup> [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My **Name** [as presenting all that I Am].

**Name:** [ONOMA] the name is used for everything which the name covers, everything the thought or feeling of which is aroused in the mind by mentioning, hearing, remembering, the name, i.e. for one's rank, authority, interests, pleasure, command, excellences, deeds etc.

✚ Notice Jesus BOLDLY taught His disciples that the key to answered prayer is in **HIS NAME**.

✚ When you Pray in Jesus Name, meditate on all that that Name means!

## Philippians 2:5-11 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

**The example of Jesus Christ.** <sup>5</sup> And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let his mindset become your motivation. <sup>6</sup> He existed in the form of God, yet he gave no thought to seizing equality with God as his supreme prize. <sup>7</sup> Instead he emptied himself of his outward glory by reducing himself to the form of a lowly servant. He became human!

<sup>8</sup> He humbled himself and became vulnerable, choosing to be revealed as a man and was obedient. He was a perfect example, even in his death—a criminal's death by crucifixion! <sup>9</sup> Because of that obedience, God exalted him and multiplied his greatness! **He has now been given the greatest of all names!**

<sup>10</sup> **The authority of the name of Jesus causes every knee to bow in reverence! Everything and everyone will one day submit to this name—in the heavenly realm, in the earthly realm, and in the demonic realm.** <sup>11</sup> And every tongue will proclaim in every language: “Jesus Christ is Lord Yahweh,” bringing glory and honor to God, his Father!

### Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

<sup>6</sup>For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

✚ His Name reveals Himself to us!!

## 3] PRAYING WITH A THANKFULL HEART

### Philippians 4:5-7 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

<sup>5</sup>Let all men know *and* perceive *and* recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon]. <sup>6</sup>Do not fret *or* have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance *and* in everything, by prayer and petition (**definite requests**), **with thanksgiving, continue** to make your wants known to God. <sup>7</sup>And **God's peace [shall be yours]**, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison *and* mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- ✚ Thanksgiving, along with your requests, gives you PEACE while you wait for your prayer to be answered!
- ✚ **God's peace is the same peace that the angels declare to the shepherds in the field when they appeared to them at Jesus birth!**

### Mark 6:40-42 Amplified Bible

<sup>40</sup>They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties [so that the crowd resembled an orderly arrangement of colorful garden plots]. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and two fish, **He looked up to heaven and said a blessing [of praise and thanksgiving to the Father]**. Then He broke the loaves and [repeatedly] gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and He divided up the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>They all ate and were satisfied.

- ✚ Praying with Thanksgiving multiplies our answer to prayer. Over and above what we ask or think!

### John 11:41-43 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus **lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.** <sup>42</sup>Yes, I know You always hear *and* listen to Me, but I have said this on account of *and* for the benefit of the people standing around, so that they may believe that You did send Me [that You have made Me Your Messenger]. <sup>43</sup>When He had said this, He shouted with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!

- ✚ Jesus taught us to pray so resurrection power will be seen to all

## Luke 15:17-23 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop?

<sup>18</sup> I want to go back home to my father's house, and I'll say to him, "Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. <sup>19</sup> I'll never again be worthy to be called your son. Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees." <sup>20</sup> "So the young son set off for home. From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. The father raced out to meet him, swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love.

<sup>21</sup> "Then the son said, 'Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be—' "The father interrupted and said, 'Son, you're home now!'

<sup>22</sup> "Turning to his servants, the father said, 'Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger. And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son.'

<sup>23</sup> Let's prepare a great feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> **For my beloved son was once dead, but now he's alive! Once he was lost, but now he is found! And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy.**

✚ Who is lost and needs to be found? Who is dead and needs to be alive again? in your prayers include thanksgiving for your loved ones!

## Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Praying in the Spirit takes us from what we think they need to **WHAT GOD KNOWS THEY NEED!**

- ✚ Continue to pray for your Spouse, family, workplace, etc until you see the breakthrough!
- ✚ NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!
- ✚ Know He hears our Petitions, Prayers, Intercessions & Thanksgivings offered up for others!

## 4] PRAYING FOR OTHERS -INTERCESSION

### 1 Timothy 2:1-4 AMP

First of all, then, I admonish *and* urge that **petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings** be offered on behalf of **all men**, <sup>2</sup> For kings and all who are in positions of authority *or* high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet *and* undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness *and* reverence and seriousness in every way. <sup>3</sup> For such [praying] is good *and* right, and [it is] pleasing *and* acceptable to God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive *and* recognize *and* discern *and* know precisely *and* correctly the [divine] Truth.

- ✚ **Petitions** supplications, of prayers imploring God's aid in some particular matter.
- ✚ **Prayers: *Philippians 1:19 NLT*** *For I know that as you **pray** for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.*
- ✚ **Intercessions]** to intervene between two parties; intercede; to interpose as a mediator, go-between or middle man. **It expresses confiding access to God, to that of childlike confidence, by representing prayer as the heart's conversation with God/Papa God!**
- ✚ **Thanksgiving:** Be grateful, feel gratitude for what the Lord has done for you

### Acts 12:1-3; 5-6; 18-19; 21-22 NKJV

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. <sup>2</sup>Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. <sup>3</sup>And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread.

<sup>5</sup>Peter was therefore kept in prison, **but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.** <sup>6</sup>And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. <sup>7</sup>Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off *his* hands.

- ✚ **Constant prayer:** stretch out, stretch forth, more intently, more earnestly
- ✚ Notice that Herod stretched out his hand to harm the church and the church stretched out their hands to stop the destruction and destroy the spirit of death against Peter. When we stretch forth our hand in agreement in prayer, it is a picture of stopping the enemy on behalf of another!
- ✚ In Acts chapter 12, we see an example of the strong man and his cohorts destroyed through a united prayer team!

### Ephesians 6:10-18 The Passion Translation

**10** Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you. **11** Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser!

**12** Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage. **13** Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious. **14** Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart.

**15** Stand on your feet alert, then you'll always be ready to share the blessings of peace. **16** In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the Evil One! **17-18** Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken Word of God. **Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.**

# Syllabus for Prayer Class

## Class 1

Foundation of a prayer life

The Name of Jesus

Praying with Thanksgiving

Intercession