

## Model Prayer for the New Year

Matthew 6:9-13\*

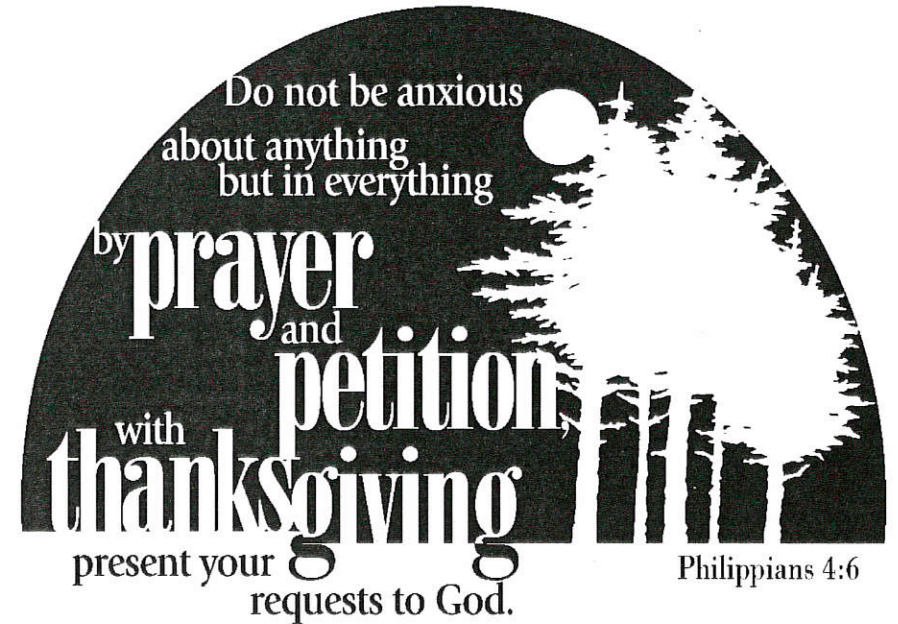
This prayer is known familiarly as “The Lord’s Prayer,” but “The Disciples’ Prayer” would be a more accurate title. Jesus did not give this prayer to us to be memorized and recited a given number of times. In fact, He gave this prayer *to keep us* from using vain repetitions. Jesus did not say, “Pray in these words.” He said, “Pray after this manner”; that is, “Use this prayer as a pattern, not as a substitute.”

Prayer engages the worship of God (9)

Prayer expects the work of God (10)

Prayer entreats the weight of God (11-13a)

Prayer energized by the wonder of God (13b)



A man that is destitute knows how to pray.  
He needs not an instructor.  
His miseries indoctrinate him wonderfully in the art of prayer.  
Let us know ourselves destitute that we might know how to pray.

-Stephen Marshall *One Year Book of Psalms*, August 17<sup>th</sup>

\* These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.