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Prayer - Your Foundation For Success

# 8. Kinds of Prayer

Scripture tells us to pray with "all kinds of prayer" (Ephesians 6:18). This chapter walks through three kinds and when to use each: the prayer of dedication and worship, thanksgiving and praise, and the prayer of committal. The right prayer depends on what you are seeking from God.

## Key takeaways

- Prayer of dedication and worship: used to line your will up with God's so you succeed. This is the only prayer where saying "if it be Thy will" is appropriate — because you are yielding your plans, not doubting.
- Do NOT pray "if it be Thy will" for healing. God's will is already healing (heaven has no sickness). Using "if" in a prayer that changes things breeds unbelief.
- Thanksgiving and praise are part of faith. Praise God for the answer when you pray, before you see it — don't slip into waiting and hoping.
- Praise has power, not just words. It is strength that stops Satan; God "inhabits the praises of His people." Keep praising to push the mountain all the way into the sea.

- The prayer of committal ends worry: cast ALL your care on God and don't take it back. Replace worried thoughts with the Word; peace comes by acting on Scripture, not by God supernaturally lifting the worry.
- Of ten lepers healed, only the one who returned praising was made "whole" — his faith kept working until nothing was left of the disease.

## Passages worth keeping

> *"The only way Satan can stop you and your faith is through unbelief. He does not have power to stop God."*

Frames the whole chapter: faith applied through praise moves the mountain; only quitting lets the enemy win.

> *"Casting all your care upon him — not 75 percent of your care."*

The heart of the prayer of committal: total handover, nothing held back.

## How it connects

The three prayers map to three needs: aligning your plans (dedication), receiving by faith (praise), and shedding worry (committal). All three rest on taking God's Word as His settled will and acting on it rather than waiting to feel something first.

## Scripture referenced

- **Ephesians 6:18** -- pray with all kinds of prayer — the chapter's organizing text

- **Matthew 26:36-39** -- Jesus at Gethsemane — model of dedication, "not as I will, but as thou wilt"
- **1 John 5:14-15** -- praying according to God's will means you have what you asked
- **Philippians 4:6-7** -- pray with thanksgiving; peace guards heart and mind
- **1 Peter 5:6-7** -- cast all your care on Him
- **2 Corinthians 10:5** -- bring every thought captive — you control your mind