



YOU'VE GOT TO GET CONNECTED

Connecting with God: The Lord's Prayer
Rick Warren

"Even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other." Romans 12:5 (GW)

4 METAPHORS

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED

1. IT'S LIKE BEING _____

"In [the Lord] you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." Ephesians 2:22 (NRSV)

"You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:20-22 (NET)

IN BUILDINGS, A DISCONNECTED FRAME _____

2. IT'S LIKE BEING _____

"In Christ's body we're all connected to each other . . . When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself." Ephesians 4:25 (MSG)

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others." Romans 12:4-5 (TLB)

"They are not connected to Christ, the Head to which all of us who are his body are joined; for we are joined together by his strong sinews, and we grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God." Colossians 2:19 (TLB)

IN A BODY, A DISCONNECTED PART _____

3. IT'S LIKE BEING _____

Jesus: "Live in me, and I will live in you. A branch cannot produce any fruit by itself. It has to stay attached to the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit unless you live in me." John 15:4 (GW)

"God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children." Romans 8:16 (GNT)

ON PLANTS, A DISCONNECTED BRANCH _____

4. IT'S LIKE BEING _____

"I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church." 1 Timothy 3:15 (GW)

"You will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other, which will bring glory to God." Romans 15:6-7 (NCV)

IN A FAMILY, A DISCONNECTED MEMBER _____

"I beg you, brothers and sisters . . . be completely joined together by having the same kind of thinking and the same purpose." 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NCV)

"First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will they gave themselves to us as well." 2 Corinthians 8:5 (GNT)

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THE PRAYER OF CONNECTION

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"During those dark times, it was not safe to travel. Problems troubled the people of every land." 2 Chronicles 15:5 (NLT)

"Listen, all you people . . . The LORD will stay with you as long as you stay with him! Whenever you seek him, you will find him. But if you abandon him, he will abandon you." 2 Chronicles 15:2 (NLT)

"For a long time Israel was without the true God . . . and without the law. But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them." 2 Chronicles 15:3-4 (NIV)

1ST ANTIDOTE TO NATIONAL RECESSION: _____

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'" Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

GOD IS A _____ NOT A _____

WE CAN CONNECT WITH GOD BECAUSE . . .

1. HE IS A _____

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him." Psalm 103:13 (NIV)

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' . . . or 'What shall we wear?' . . . your heavenly Father knows that you need them." Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV)

2. HE IS A _____

"Every good and perfect gift is . . . from the Father . . . who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17 (NIV)

"If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself." 2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV)

"[God] will never go back on his promises." Romans 11:29 (TLB)

"My God is changeless in his love for me." Psalm 59:10 (TLB)

3. HE IS A _____
"God did this so that they would . . . reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us." Acts 17:27 (NIV)

• **HE IS NEVER _____**
"The LORD is near to all who call on him." Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

• **HE LOVES TO _____**
"If you, then . . . know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11 (NIV)

• **HE IS SYMPATHETIC _____**
"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

4. HE IS A _____
"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37 (ESV)

"[God] is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

GOD SENT JESUS TO MAKE THE CONNECTION:

"God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together by giving his life for all mankind." 1 Timothy 2:5-6 (TLB)

"We are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ." Galatians 3:26 (TLB)

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THE PRAYER OF SURRENDER

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SOURCES OF STRESS

- _____
- _____
- _____

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 (KJV)

GOD'S KINGDOM IS WHEREVER _____

SURRENDERING TO JESUS MEANS . . .

1. _____
"Let go . . . know that I am God. I rule the nations. I rule the earth."
Psalm 46:10 (GW)

THE SERENITY PRAYER

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace
taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to your will
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."
Reinhold Niebuhr

"If a person's thinking is controlled by his sinful self, then there is death. But if his thinking is controlled by the Spirit, then there is life and peace." Romans 8:6 (ICB)

2. _____
"I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens . . . I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength."
Philippians 4:11-13 (NCV)

"Surrender yourself to the LORD, and wait patiently for him." Psalm 37:7 (GW)

3. _____
"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 (NIV)
"Give yourselves to God . . . surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes." Romans 6:13 (GNT)
"[God] will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." Luke 12:31 (TLB)

4. _____
"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)
"The Lord takes care of those who obey him, and the land will be theirs forever. They will not suffer when times are bad; they will have enough in time of famine."
Psalm 37:18-19 (GNT)

Jesus: "You must give up everything you have to be my follower."
Luke 14:33 (NCV)

"Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything . . . for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over . . . and in the world to come he shall have eternal life." Mark 10:29-30 (TLB)

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THE PRAYER OF DEPENDENCE

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"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 (NIV)

BREAD REPRESENTS

- _____
Psalm 104:25-28 (TLB), Proverbs 14:23 (MSG)
- _____
Deuteronomy 8:3 (NLT)
- _____
1 Corinthians 10:16 (AMP)
- _____
Luke 22:19 (GNT)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DEPEND ON GOD?

1. _____
 - _____
"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 (NIV)
 - _____
"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19 (NLT)
 - _____
"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? . . . How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"
Matthew 7:9, 11 (NIV)
 - _____
"You do not have because you do not ask God." James 4:2 (NIV)
2. _____
"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 (NIV)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. . . . And . . . Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." Philippians 4:6, 8 (NLT)

- 1st _____
"Don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time." Matthew 6:34 (TLB)
 - 2nd _____
"Since [God] did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won't he also surely give us everything else?" Romans 8:32 (TLB)
 - 3rd _____
"I cannot count the times when you have faithfully rescued me . . . I will tell everyone how good you are, and of your constant, daily care."
Psalm 71:15 (TLB)
 - 4th _____
"He will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in him, whose thoughts turn often to the Lord!" Isaiah 26:3 (TLB)
3. _____
"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 (NIV)
 - _____
"And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts . . . this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-12 (GNT)
 - _____
"Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives. Then my favor will shine on you like the morning sun, and your wounds will be quickly healed. I will always be with you to save you; my presence will protect you on every side. When you pray, I will answer you."
Isaiah 58:7-9 (GNT)
 - _____
"Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days."
Ecclesiastes 11:1 (ESV)
 - _____
"Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything."
Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)



THE PRAYER OF CLEANSING

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"Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

"Forgive us our sins." Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

PATH TO A FRESH START & CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1. REVIEW **EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE**

"Let us test and examine our ways." Lamentations 3:40 (NLT)

2. REPENT **OF EVERY SIN**

"Let us turn back to the LORD. Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven and say, 'We have sinned and rebelled.'" Lamentations 3:40-42 (NLT)

3. RESOLVE **TO MAKE RESTITUTION**

"If I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house.'" Luke 19:8-9 (NIV)

4. RECEIVE **GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

"Let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

"Since we have been justified [that is, acquitted of sin, declared blameless before God] by faith, [let us grasp the fact that] we have peace with God [and the joy of reconciliation with Him] through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed)." Romans 5:1 (AMP)

5. REVEAL **MY FAULTS TO A FRIEND**

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16 (NIV)

6. REPEAT **THESE STEPS REGULARLY**

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience. . . . Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:22-25 (NIV)

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THE PRAYER OF RELEASE

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"Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us."
Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

"Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'" Matthew 18:21(NIV)

"Jesus answered, ' . . . not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"
Matthew 18:22 (NIV)

WHY MUST I RELEASE THOSE WHO'VE HURT ME?

Matthew 18: Story of the Unforgiving Servant

1. _____
"The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go."
Matthew 18:27 (NIV)

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

2. _____
"Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured."
Matthew 18:33-34 (NIV)

"Some people stay healthy till the day they die . . . Others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts." Job 21:23-25 (GNT)

3. _____
"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Matthew 18:35 (NIV)

"If you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:15 (NIV)

HOW DO I RELEASE MY HURT?

1. _____
"Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it." Romans 12:19 (TLB)

2. _____
"Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others." Hebrews 12:15 (PHILLIPS)

"Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of his wounds."
1 Peter 2:24 (NCV)

3. _____
"We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross so that our sinful selves would have no power over us and we would not be slaves to sin."
Romans 6:6 (NCV)

"He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross." Colossians 2:14 (NCV)

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THE PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE

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"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:13 (ESV)

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

1. _____
"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41 (NIV)

• _____ **AM I MOST TEMPTED?**

• _____ **AM I MOST TEMPTED?**

• _____ **IS WITH ME WHEN I'M MOST TEMPTED?**

• _____ **TEMPORARY BENEFIT DO I GET IF I GIVE IN?**

• _____ **DO I FEEL RIGHT BEFORE I'M TEMPTED?**

2. _____
"Plan carefully what you do . . . Avoid evil and walk straight ahead. Don't go one step off the right way." Proverbs 4:26-27 (GNT)

3. _____
"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

Physically exhausted	0 1 2 3 4	Energetic & in shape
Discouraged or pessimistic	0 1 2 3 4	Encouraged & hopeful
Bored & discontented	0 1 2 3 4	Challenged & contented
Spiritually dry or empty	0 1 2 3 4	Spiritually alive & growing
Alone or distant from others	0 1 2 3 4	Close to those you love
Insecure or unsure	0 1 2 3 4	Confident & secure
Wounded or deeply hurt	0 1 2 3 4	Loved & understood
Bitter or angry	0 1 2 3 4	Forgiven everyone
Sad	0 1 2 3 4	Happy
Like you've failed	0 1 2 3 4	Successful

TOTAL:

"Do not give the devil a foothold." Ephesians 4:27 (NIV)

4. _____
"Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me." Psalm 50:15 (NIV)

"[Jesus] understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to . . . our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)

5. _____
"Thinking about your commands will keep me from doing some foolish thing." Psalm 119:6 (CEV)

"We capture every thought and make it . . . obey Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NCV)

"Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil with good." Romans 12:21 (GW)

6. _____
"Two are better off than one, because together . . . If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls . . . there is no one to help him." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (GNT)

"Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again. But be careful, because you can be tempted to sin, too. By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2 (NCV)

"My dear friends, if you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back and you will have rescued precious lives." James 5:19-20 (MSG)

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"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever."
Matthew 6:13 (KJV)

God's Kingdom is His _____

God's Power is His _____

God's Glory is His _____

"Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory." Romans 11:36 (TLB)

REAL FULFILLMENT COMES THROUGH . . .

1. _____
"You should live in a way that proves you belong to the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory." 1 Thessalonians 2:12 (GW)

"[God] will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." Luke 12:31 (TLB)

F _____

I _____

R _____

S _____

T _____

2. _____
"For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power." 1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

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3. _____
"When [Christ] died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus." Romans 6:10-11 (NLT)

HOW?

- _____
"Warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 (TLB)
- _____
"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other . . . so that God will be glorified." 1 Peter 4:10-11 (TLB)
- _____
"As God's grace reaches more and more people . . . God will receive more and more glory." 2 Corinthians 4:15 (NLT)
- _____
"To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:21 (GNT)

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