

THE POWER & INFLUENCE OF PRAYER

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Introduction

- Preparing for Week of Corporate Prayer
- Mon 24th Nov 25' – Sun 30th Nov 25'
- God's calling us back to the altar – power, intimacy, prayer

Why this Message Matters

- Decisions need clarity
- Families need covering
- Direction for 2026

The Posture of Prayer

The one guaranteed posture for victory is PRAYER!

The State of Believers Today

- Busyness
- Distraction
- Weak or inconsistent prayer life

The Pattern of Scripture

Every move of God began in prayer, was sustained by prayer, and birthed through prayer

James 5:16b

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much, and makes tremendous power available.

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“God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is, the better the world will be.”

E.M. BOUNDS – Methodist Minister

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**“No man is greater than his
prayer life.”**

LEONARD RAVENHILL – Evangelist & Revivalist

What is Prayer?

Prayer is spiritual breath and opens the heart to God.

1. Prayer is Communication with God

Philippians 4:6

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Illustration

Prayer = Spiritual Oxygen — Stop Praying → Spirit Suffocates

2. Prayer is Partnership with God

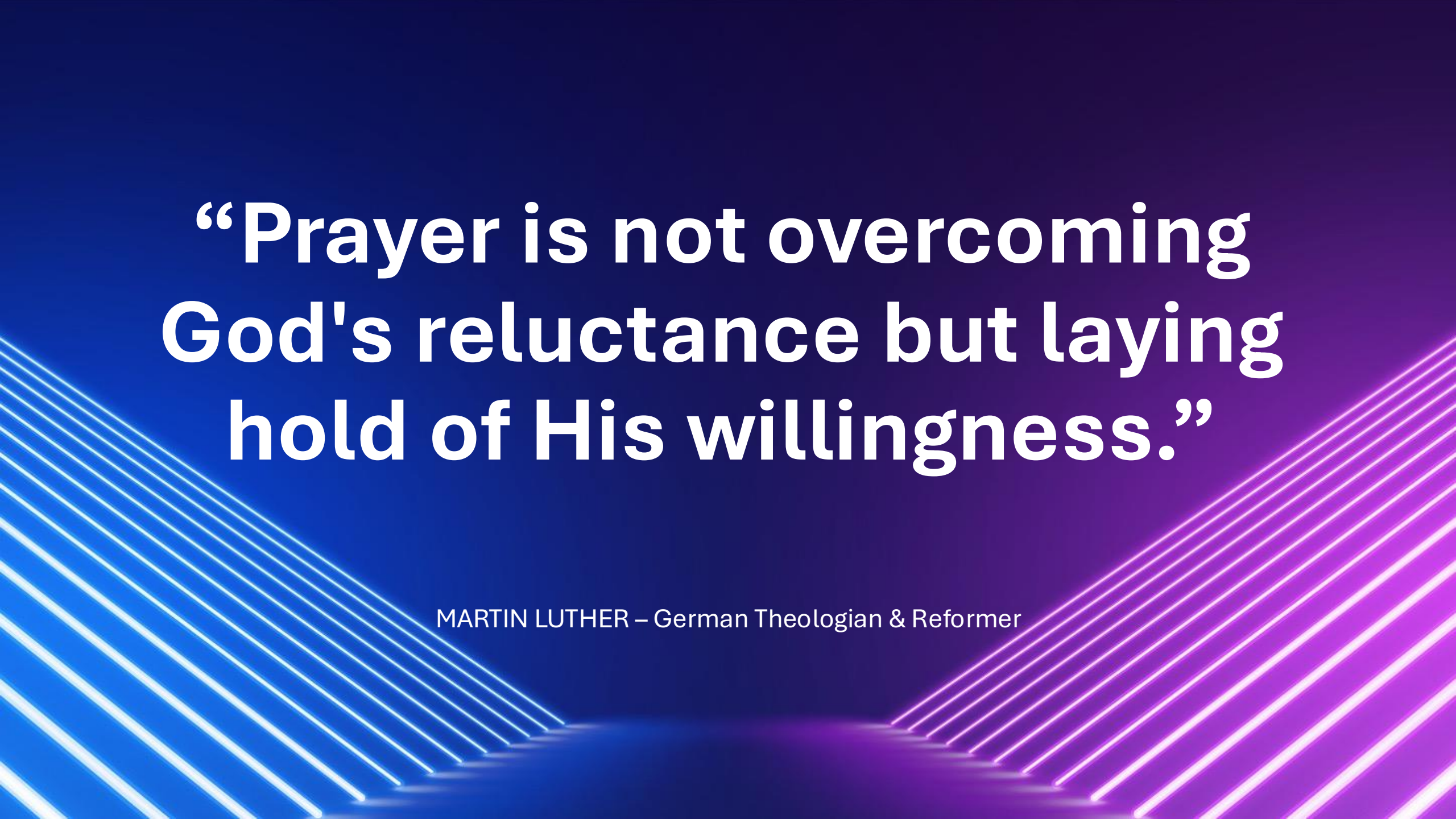
Matthew 6:10

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

3. Prayer is Access to God's Presence

Hebrews 4:16

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

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**“Prayer is not overcoming
God's reluctance but laying
hold of His willingness.”**

MARTIN LUTHER – German Theologian & Reformer

What the Scriptures say about Prayer

God hears, God moves, God answers!

1. God Hears Prayer

Psalm 145:18

“The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.”

2. Prayer Releases Power

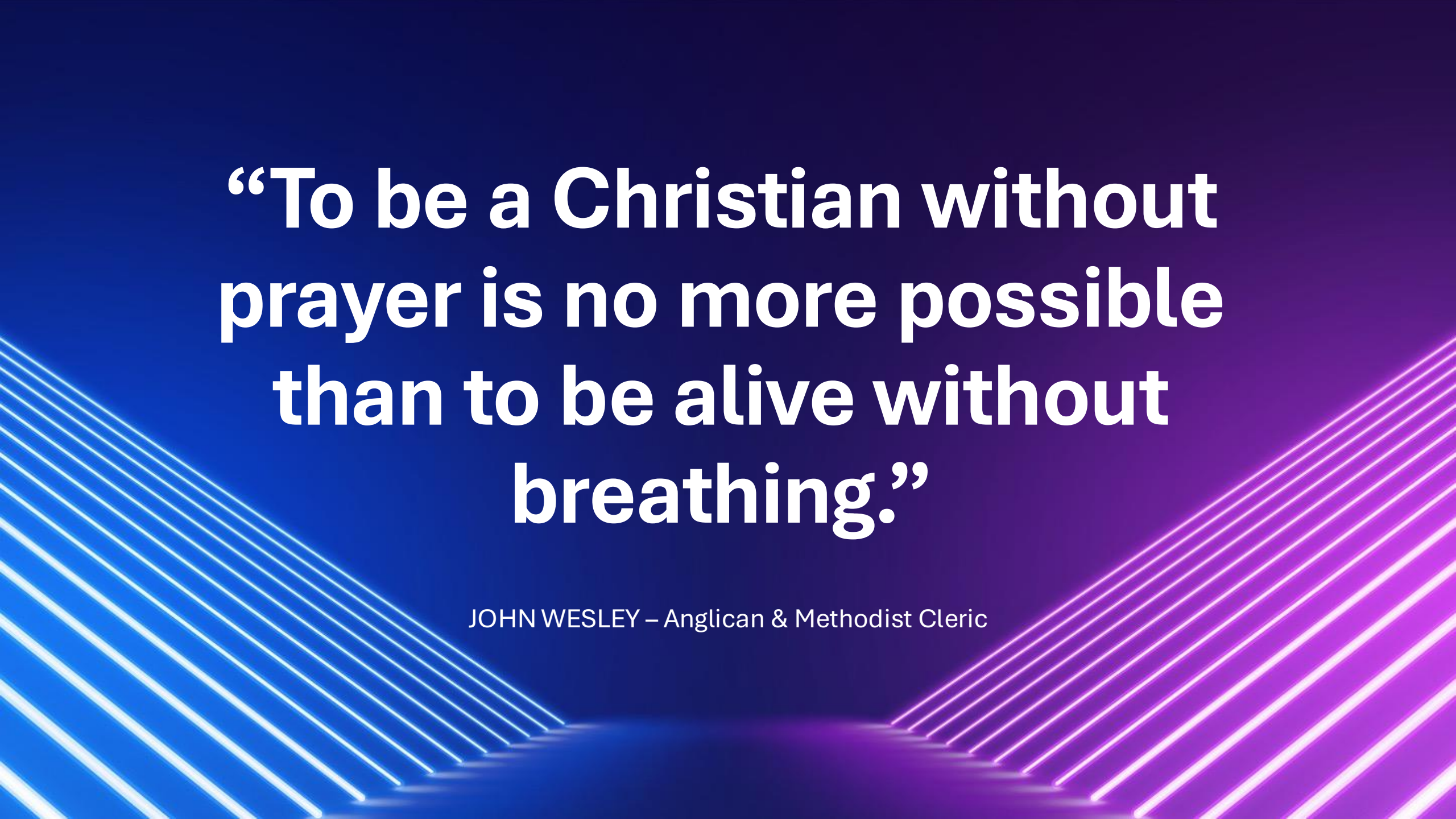
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“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

3. Prayer is Commanded

1 Thessalonians 5:17

“Pray without ceasing.”

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**“To be a Christian without
prayer is no more possible
than to be alive without
breathing.”**

JOHN WESLEY – Anglican & Methodist Cleric

Why Prayer is Important?

If you don't understand why something matters, you won't stay committed.

1. Prayer aligns us with God's will

Proverbs 3:6

“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

2. Prayer invites God's power

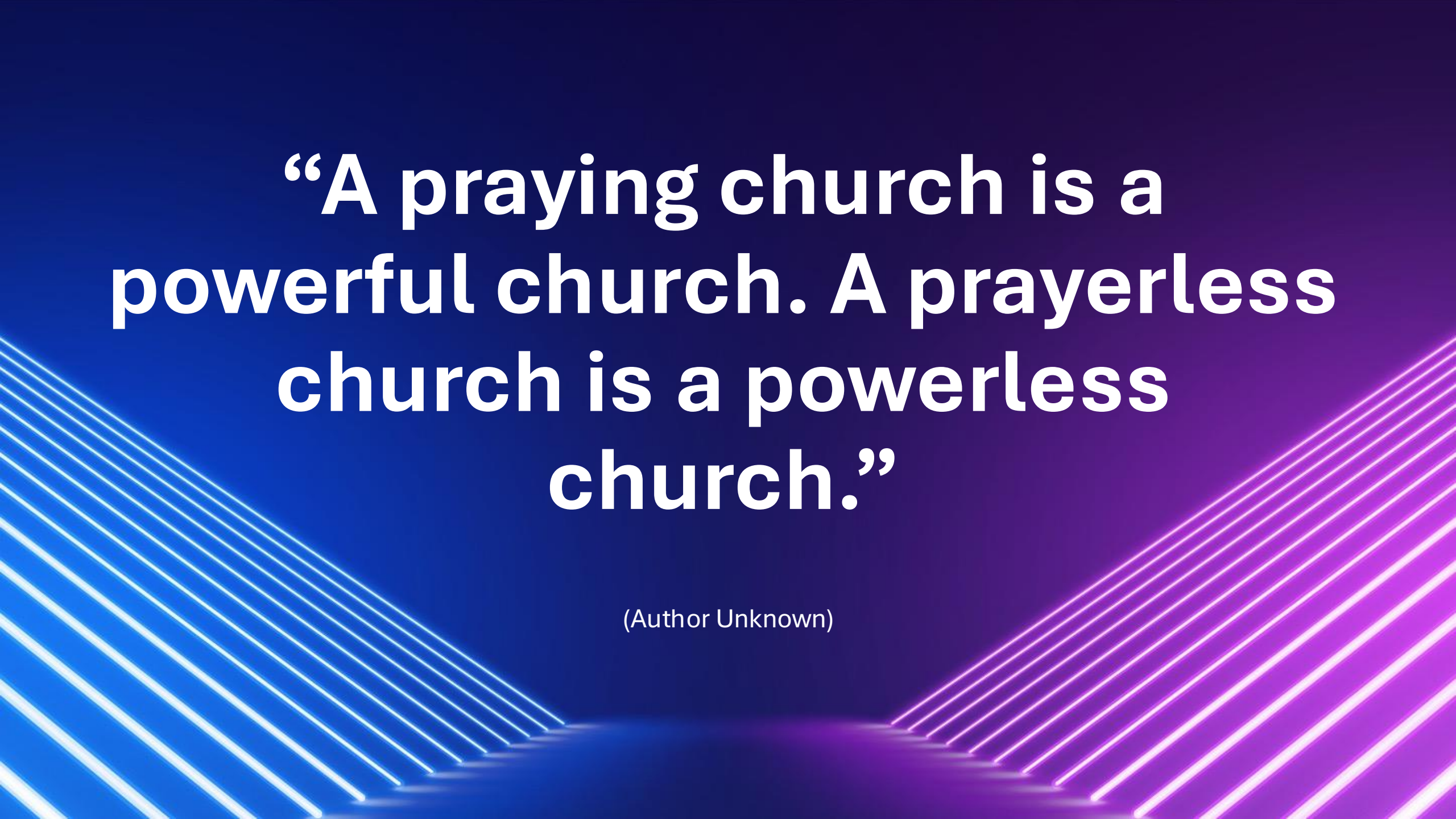
Jeremiah 33:3

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

3. Prayer builds spiritual strength

Jude 20

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”

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**“A praying church is a
powerful church. A prayerless
church is a powerless
church.”**

(Author Unknown)

How should we pray?

The disciples asked: “Teach us to PRAY.”

1. Pray with Faith

Matthew 21:22

“And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

2. Pray with Humility

2 Chronicles 7:14

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

3. Follow Jesus' Prayer Pattern

Matthew 6:9–13

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be kept holy.

¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today the food we need,^[a]

¹² and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation,^[b]
but rescue us from the evil one

Summary

- ✓ Prayer is our anchor
- ✓ Prayer is our weapon
- ✓ Prayer is our lifeline
- ✓ Battles are won in prayer before seen in the natural

Closing Thoughts

“When the church prays, hell shakes.”

Let's enter the year-end with

- Clarity
- Faith
- Strength