



The Resource Courses
Sharing Salvation

The Textbook Chapter One

How To Help Others Enter Into God's Kingdom And Family Where They Have Power To Deal With Life's Problems

Jesus' Prayer That Empowers Your Friends To Enter God's Kingdom

In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus tells you how to help others ask God for the privilege of becoming a member of His family, entering His Kingdom, and living there forever:

Mat 6:9-13 This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts (sins), as we also have forgiven our debtors (those who have sinned against us). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Okay now, let Jesus break this prayer down together with you so you can understand what it is your friend will be asking from God, their heavenly Father. It isn't a magical set of words like "open sesame" and the doors to the Kingdom of God open to them. They are praying for God to make changes in their life that qualify them for eternal life.

This prayer is designed so that your friend can ask God to make them His child, a part of His family, and let them into His eternal Kingdom by Him curing them of their spiritual disease of sin. God wants them to understand what it is they are asking for.

As your friend asks God for the things in each phrase of this prayer, it has to be what they really want for their future here and in eternity. These words ARE the requests that HAVE to be made for them to enter God's family and Kingdom; but, do they represent your friend's true desires and wishes? Let's take these very important words and see if your friend is willing to make them their prayer to God.

The Prayer Jesus Is Giving Your Friend To Pray

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This is the kind of prayer we MUST all pray in order to become God's child, a member of His family, and to enter into His eternal Kingdom. From this prayer on, your friend will start a life of talking to their heavenly Father, asking Him to heal them from all the causes of the issues of life; and, they will start asking for His help in living a life of power as a new person.

If your friend ultimately decides to make God their heavenly Father and lives the Christian life for the rest of their life, then this prayer incorporates the main requests they will continue to have on a daily basis. Let's take a look at the first thing they need to pray; but, before we do, let's pray together about you and your friend.

The “How To Get The Power-Life” Book

Using The Power Book

Jesus can help you take your friend through the steps into being born again, becoming a child of God, joining God’s family, and becoming a citizen of His Kingdom. The “How To Get The Power-Life” book is a great way to walk your friend through the steps of praying The Lord’s Prayer.

Check it out and see if it is something you would like to use with your friends.

The Workbook Chapter One

How To Help Others Enter Into God’s Kingdom And Family Where They Have Power To Deal With Life’s Problems

The Prayer That Empowers Your Friends To Enter God’s Kingdom

Jesus, in Matthew 6:9-13, You tell us how to be born again and how to help others ask for the privilege of becoming a member of God’s family, enter His Kingdom, and live there forever. Help me learn how to lead my friends through this prayer with power, wisdom, and love.

Jesus, since you said: **This, then, is how you should pray**, help me and my friends pray it from our hearts. Help us understand what we are praying together. Then help us believe you heard our prayer and fulfilled our requests. Help me now review Your prayer with feeling and comprehension: **“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts (sins), as we also have forgiven our debtors (those who have sinned against us). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (Mat 6:9-13).”**

Jesus, as you help me break this prayer down, let us do it together so I can understand what it is my friend will be asking from God, their heavenly Father. Let me help them understand that this isn’t a magical set of words like “open sesame” and the doors to the Kingdom of God open to them. Help me show them that they are asking for these things and their heavenly Father is giving them to them.

Jesus, help me explain to them that this prayer is designed so that they can ask God to make them a part of His family and let them into His Kingdom. They are asking Him to cure them from their spiritual disease of sin. Help me show them that God wants them to understand and desire what it is they are asking for.

Jesus, as my friend asks God for the things in each phrase of this prayer, help me make sure it IS what they really want for their future here and in eternity. Let me lead them through it in such a way that it isn't just a ritual or recitation of the words. As we go through each phrase together, help me ask them whether or not it represents their true desires and wishes. Help me find out whether or not they are willing to make each phrase their prayer to God. Keep me from pushing them through it. Let me relax and allow them to establish a close and loving relationship with their heavenly Father.

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Jesus, if my friend ultimately decides to make God their heavenly Father and starts living the Christian life for the rest of their life, help me explain to them that this prayer will ALWAYS incorporate the main requests they will continue to have on a daily basis.

The Textbook Chapter Two

Our Father In Heaven

And Hallowed Be Your Name

Our Father in heaven

Our

Being Born Into A Loving Family

Help your friend notice that this prayer includes others besides themselves. It starts off with “our” Father rather than “my” Father. From this moment on, their heavenly Father will want to help them start being concerned with others too. He wants them to care not only about their problems here on earth and their eternal life, He also wants them to care about the earthly and eternal life of other people as well. Christianity is all about love for ourselves, others, and God.

Love Is Being Poured In

Rom 5:5 (NIV) And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us. As your friend moves through this prayer and then obeys Romans 10:8-10, the Holy Spirit enters into their body and joins their human spirit. And, love is poured into their heart by the Holy Spirit as He joins them. This isn't something they need to be made aware of just yet; but, this is why Jesus formed His prayer where it included others in it. Ask Jesus to remind you to explain this wonderful miracle to them when He feels they are ready to understand it.

Learning To Share

As God helps your friend see how important it is to make Jesus their Lord and Savior, He will be helping them want their friends to do the same. As they are learning how vital it is to allow Jesus to help them with their life's problems, He will be showing them how much it will also help others. As Jesus gets them ready to spend eternity with their new heavenly Father, He will help them start feeling a desire for their friends to make the same decision.

Father in heaven

Preparing To Accept The New Birth

They are now accepting God as their heavenly Father. They are opening their heart to Him and are giving Him permission to cause them to be born again. We didn't have any say in the process of being born on this planet. That decision was made for us. At this moment they are being given the privilege of accepting God as their heavenly Father. When they call Him their heavenly Father, they are giving Him permission to make them His child. It is VERY important to help them understand what they are about to experience here.

Accepting The New Birth

If they are willing to be made one of His children, then they simply call Him their heavenly Father and He will cause them to be born for a second time. This will be a spiritual birth that will take some time and study to understand. When we were born as a baby, we had a lot of things to learn. But, for now all we have to understand is that by becoming God's child we will gain all the rights and privileges of entering into His Kingdom. **If your friend is willing, then have them go ahead and say: "Our Father in heaven."**

This Is A VERY Exciting Moment!

This is an ETERNALLY important moment! Your friend just accepted God as their heavenly Father through the leadership of Jesus. Jesus just provided them with a powerful prayer that empowered them to be born again as a child of God. Stop and congratulate them! They were just born into their heavenly Father's family! They are now His child and a citizen in His eternal Kingdom.

If your friend keeps moving on in praying Jesus' prayer, they will experience all the things they will need. His prayer will help them experience a complete and successful birth into all God has for them. Explain to them that birth is just the beginning; Jesus' prayer has more things they need so as to keep them alive after birth.

Hallowed be your name

Hollowed

Learning What Hollowed Means

Our heavenly Father is pure. He has excluded all lying, cheating, stealing, hatred, murder, and evil from His being. He IS love, truth, life, and the way to purity. The thing that makes His Kingdom such an awesome place to spend eternity is the quality of its God. Your friends will soon find that God is perfect. If they allow Him to really show them the full reasons behind all of His principles and systems, they are going to be completely impressed with Who He is. But for now, all they are being asked to understand is the fact that God is gracious (gives them gifts they do not deserve) and merciful (exempts them from penalties and side effects deserved).

Learning How To Express Appreciation To God

If your friend says these next words, they are acknowledging that they are accepting the fact that He is going to give them things they do not deserve (grace). They are also accepting the fact that He is not going to let them be punished for the things they deserve to be punished for (mercy). **If they can appreciate to some degree these two gifts, then have them say: "Hallowed be your name."**

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Jesus, help me and my friend understand that this is an ETERNALLY important moment! Help me STOP right here and explain to my friend that they just accepted God as their heavenly Father through the leadership of Jesus. Help me make it clear to them that Jesus just provided them with a powerful prayer that empowered them to be born again as a child of God. Help me stop and congratulate them! Empower me to show them that they were just born into their heavenly Father’s family! They are now His child and a citizen in His eternal Kingdom.

After that, Jesus, help me explain to my friend that if they keep moving on in praying Your prayer, they will experience all the things they will need. Help me make it real to them that Your prayer will help them experience a complete and successful birth into all God has for them. Help me explain to them that birth is just the beginning; Your prayer has more things they need so as to keep them alive after birth.

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The Textbook Chapter Three

Your Kingdom Come

Kingdom

Birth Makes Growth Possible

Your friend was just born into God's family and into His Kingdom. But, their birth just made it possible for them to start growing and improving. A human baby isn't capable of doing much to influence their new world. There are some important things that need to happen to them first. God limits their abilities so they can't do damage to the planet until they learn some people skills; this is the same way things are done in being born again. Before your friend can enter into God's Kingdom, God's Kingdom is going to have to enter into them. That may not make a lot of sense to your friend right now. But, just help them be patient with the concept and it will gradually come clear to them.

Kingdom People

God's Kingdom is only going to be as great as the people who live there. If there are murders, thieves, cheats, liars, and bullies there, then it is going to be a lot like what we have here on earth. There will be wars, pain, suffering, and people taking unfair advantage of one another. Christians MUST be set free from such attitudes, thinking, feelings, words, and deeds. For your friend to be an asset to God's Kingdom and all the people there, they are going to need to be changed. BUT, they can't change these things in themselves; however God can! He can get them ready for His Kingdom and eternity by putting the character and principles of His Kingdom in them.

Qualify Me For Your Kingdom

A Prayer For Kingdom Attitudes And Character

If your friend is able to understand the importance of their attitudes and character to be changed, and if they want to allow the character and principles of God's Kingdom to enter into their personality and emotions, then have them say the words: "Your Kingdom come;" this is a prayer. Your friend is asking their new Father to put His Kingdom into their mind, heart, and life.

Born To Grow

Explain to your friend that Jesus' prayer is a series of requests they are making to God, their heavenly Father. As they say each phrase of Jesus' powerful prayer, it literally transforms that area of their life. Just like "my Father in heaven" transformed them into a child of God, this next set of words will start changing their attitudes and character. This will start getting them ready to live in God's eternal Kingdom. This will get them started taking advantage of their new spiritual life and get growth taking place. They are learning how to breath, eat, exercise, express themselves, get rid of bad things in their life, and develop relationships.

Instant And Then Gradual

When your friend says, “Your Kingdom come,” they are asking their new heavenly Father to start putting His Kingdom in their heart and life. They are giving Him permission to put all the things His Kingdom stands for inside them. This isn’t as instant and total as being born again just was. But, just like a human baby is born at an exact moment, so was your friend. And just like from that point on the human baby’s physical, mental, emotional, and social growth gradually started taking place, so will your friend GRADUALLY start growing spiritually as a child of God.

An Instant Relationship With Gradual Growth

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Qualify Others For Your Kingdom

Growing And Maturing In Love

By using the words “our” and “us,” your friends are also asking God to bring His Kingdom into the hearts and lives of all the people on this planet. This isn’t a selfish prayer; it is a prayer for your friend and everyone else. It is teaching them to always want everyone else to receive all the good things that happen to them.

Guide Them Into Praying For Others

Another thing your friend is praying for is that their new heavenly Father will:

- Speed up the process of giving everyone the good news message about His Kingdom.
- Allow others to try His Kingdom out.
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Freedom Of Choice

It is important for you to teach your friend that those who have chosen Jesus will spend eternity with God in His Kingdom. Those who have chosen to exclude Jesus from their life here will spend eternity without God. Just like choosing to experience all Jesus has to offer is awesome, excluding Jesus leaves a person with a horrifying existence. But, if we show our friends Jesus’ cure and they reject it, then it isn’t our fault they are going to experience this horrifying existence in eternity. We are praying for them and God is answering our prayers and giving them all the information they need to make the right decision.

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The Textbook Chapter Four

Your Will Be Done

On Earth As It Is In Heaven

Will

Choosing To Do Good Or Bad

Your friend has to understand why there is so much suffering on earth. They must understand that it is because God is allowing people to do what they want. He is giving us all a complete picture of what life is like when people are free to do anything they WANT, including leaving Him out of their life. They must see that, if left without God's help, things on this planet will get worse and worse. Since your friend has been running their own life, since they have been using their God-given freedom of WILL to leave Jesus out of it, their life has automatically headed in a downward direction. They have chosen to be the way they are, the way they think, the way they talk, and do the things they do. Their God-given free will has been in charge of their life; and, they have chosen to live it by themselves.

Choosing To Change

If your friend is completely satisfied with their life and the way they are running it, then they will not want to say this part of this prayer. Since God's WILL is pure, fair, gracious, merciful, and sinless, if they want to USE people, God's will won't fit with theirs. If they are okay with USING them for meeting their financial, sexual, physical, and emotional needs, then they aren't ready to ask God (pray) to let His will be done in their life. They must be WILLING to ask Him to make these Kingdom changes in their philosophies, thoughts, feeling, words, and deeds.

This Is How To Have World Peace

Double Standards

You will need to help your friend understand that people are constantly talking about world peace. They wear peace symbols on their clothes and jewelry. However, they aren't willing to do and be what it takes for THEM to start the peace movement. God's will is going to be asking your friend to change and allow peace to flow in and through them.

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Sharing God's Will

If your friend wants to continue to exercise their free will but wants those around them to limit their behavior so they can have peace around them, then they aren't ready to pray this part of this prayer. None of us want to be the only one who is being peaceful, loving, and kind while being mistreated by everyone else. Show your friend that if they ask God to put His will in their life, they are going to need to ask Him to also do His will in the lives of the rest of the people on this planet.

An Individual Decision

Right now, at this moment, heaven is in perfect harmony and peace. If God's will starts being done on earth just like it is currently being done in heaven, true peace, harmony, and love will come into this world. How is that going to happen? One person at a time. The Bible makes it clear that everyone isn't going to allow God's will to be done in their lives; but, many will. The more people become Christians, the more God's will, will be done on earth as it is being done in heaven.

Praying For A Wonderful Will

If you and Jesus are able to help your friend want God's will for their life and the people of this earth, then you will be able to lead them into saying these words: **"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."** And, if they do, they will get a will that is able to bring the happiness, excitement, and joy they have been trying to get all of their lives.

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The Textbook Chapter Five

Give Us Today Our Daily Bread

Daily Bread

Working Alone Or With God

Help your friend see that sometimes they end up doing things they are not proud of, as they try to get their daily needs met. There are times when they spend every waking moment trying to make sure all their needs are fulfilled. Their life can become a rat race as they labor to make enough money to pay the bills. Show them that all the people who haven't allowed God to be their heavenly Father are responsible for all their own needs. If they are going to get anything, it is going to have to come through their own efforts.

What Will Fill The Emptiness?

Help your friend think about the fact that there usually aren't enough hours in a day for them to reach their goals. Show them that even those who are rich are driven by deep desires for more. They can't hoard enough money to make them happy; and they can't spend enough money to satisfy the craving in their heart. Help them see that without Jesus in their life, there is an emptiness that nothing else can fill.

How To Pay The Bills

What if your friend connected to God's knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, wisdom and power? What if they allowed Him to help them be at the right place, at the right time, doing and saying the right things, to the right people, for the right reasons? When they put their trust in God for helping them all during their day, their daily needs get met with God-sized miracles and power.

Everyone Is Hunting For Joy And Happiness

Joy And Happiness Jesus' Way

Different people pursue joy and happiness in different ways; but, everyone wants to be happy. If your friend chooses to pray this portion of this prayer, they will be asking God to start directing them into His system for getting their daily needs met. If they are willing to give Him permission, He will place joy and happiness in them so they will be happy no matter what is going on in their life and the world around them. As God meets their daily needs in a wonderful way, it won't make them happy; they will ALREADY be filled with joy and happiness.

Blessings And Prosperity

God makes joy and happiness and getting your daily needs met to be two separate issues. He empowers us to start our day with joy and happiness. This enables your friend to approach their day with joy and happiness already in place. Your friend will have what everyone is seeking without having to pursue it. From that moment on they will be getting their needs met; and, it won't be because they are trying to get them met so they can be happy. God will help them get their needs met and will bless and prosper them.

Getting Ready For Prayer

Help your friend see that they will already be filled with joy and happiness independent of all those daily blessings. If they are willing to start letting God influence them as to which job they will take, what positions they will accept, and how much time they will spend working, then they will be ready for you to lead them into praying these words: **“Give us today our daily bread.”**

The Workbook Chapter Five Give Us Today Our Daily Bread

Daily Bread

Working Alone Or With God

Jesus, empower me to help my friend see that sometimes they end up doing things they are not proud of, as they try to get their daily needs met. Let me show them that there are times when they spend every waking moment trying to make sure all their needs are fulfilled. Their life can become a rat race as they labor to make enough money to pay the bills. Help me show them that all the people who haven't allowed God to be their heavenly Father are responsible for all their own needs. If they are going to get anything, it is going to have to come through their own efforts.

What Will Fill The Emptiness?

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The Textbook Chapter Six Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Also Have Forgiven Our debtors

We Need Forgiveness

The Character Of Sin

These debts presented here include sins; sins aren't the only thing included in the word "debts;" but, that is all we can deal with at this time. Your friend has to be helped to see that they, like all the rest of us humans, have done things that have hurt people. In some cases they didn't mean to, in others they did. There have been times when they couldn't identify with other's situations and they said and did things that damaged those people. There have been times when they were insensitive to other people's needs and problems. Other people tried to reach out to them and they couldn't or wouldn't help. God calls this behavior sin.

The Cause Of Sin

Help them understand that every adult has contracted the spiritual disease of sin. The reason they hurt people is because they are damaged themselves. God understands that they can't help themselves. He knows they are going to continue to hurt people because they have contracted the spiritual disease of sin. He knows that, if left untreated, sin is going to keep on making them worse. No matter how hard they try, they are going to mistreat more and more people.

What Upsets God?

There's A Cure For Sin

The important thing to teach them is that God isn't upset with the fact that they sin. The Bible says that He responded to their condition with love. At a time when we were all infected with this sin disease, He demonstrated His love for us by dying for our sins (Rom 5:8). Help this Scriptural concept speak to your friend's heart. They need to realize that the big issue is sin; but, Jesus has solved the issue of sin. He has provided all the help they need concerning the deeds they have committed against themselves and others.

You Have Been Provided The Cure

Read this to your friend to help them understand that all the sins in their life can be cured: **1 John 4:9-10 This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Do What It Takes

It is like your friend going in and getting medicine that cures a deadly, highly contagious disease. There is only one way for them to die from it and for them to pass it on to others. They would have to refuse to go get the cure. That is their case with the deadly, highly contagious spiritual disease of sin. Jesus produced the cure; all they have to do is "do what it takes" to experience the cure. Once they do, they get healed and they are then helped to stop spreading it.

Your Free Will Is Intact

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God isn't going to judge anyone because they are a sinner; He is going to judge them because they have a way of being set free from sinning against themselves and all the people around them; He is going to judge them if they won't accept the cure. By praying this prayer that Jesus provided, your friend will be accepting the cure.

Forgive

Forgive Those You Are Aware Of

In praying this part of this prayer, your friend is facing two issues. First, they are asking to be forgiven for all the bad things they have done to their self and others, whether they did it on purpose or accidentally. Second, they are being asked to forgive all those who have hurt them. You may have to take time allowing them to see if Jesus brings anyone into their mind. For the moment, they will only need to forgive those people Jesus brings into their memory. He will bring others to mind later on; that will require them to keep forgiving each person that Jesus brings up.

Praying For The Power To Forgive

If your friend is having problems with being willing to forgive ALL those who have hurt them, then spend some time assisting them in asking God to help them forgive these people. Later we will be looking at some more Scriptures that follow this prayer as Jesus tells us how important it is to forgive all who have hurt us.

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We Owed A Big Debt

Jesus had to give His life in order for your friend to be able to be forgiven of their debt (sins). If there had been any other way, God would have done it and protected His Son; but, there was no other way. With our little brains we may think we could have found some other way. We might think that we didn't need this sacrificial death. But, if God, Who knows everything, decided there was no other way for our spiritual disease to be cured, then we must believe there was no other way.

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The Textbook Chapter Seven

Lead Us Not Into Temptation

You Need God's Leadership

Here your friend is asking God to take leadership in their life; and they are asking Him to not lead them into things that would cause them to sin. Since God is a good God, why would they need to ask Him to not lead them in the direction of temptation?

The Hard Way Or The Easy Way

There are two ways for your friend to learn life lessons. The best way is for them to give God permission to teach them the things they need to know without them having to learn the hard way. But, some of your friends are pretty hard headed. They have to learn some things by going out and committing sins and paying the consequences. Through God's leadership, He will ALLOW them to go into temptation so they can learn, not so they can be destroyed by it.

We Have To Be Able To Be Led

You Need A Teachable Attitude

God wants your friend to have a teachable attitude so He can just tell them things. He would like for them to take His new training information and start praying and asking for the power to be able to get it into their lives. But, some of them just can't learn certain things the easy way.

Developing A Teachable Attitude

God has committed Himself to honoring your friend's decisions. He is determined to maintain their freedom of will. So, He allows them to take themselves into a tough situation where the temptations to sin and do wrong are strong. God, Himself will never tempt them to sin; however, He will allow them to go their own way for a time. During this time they will experience what it is like to start running their own life again. It helps them see how important it is for them to allow God to do His will in their earthly life like it is done in heaven.

Stay Away From The Source

For example, God wants to completely deliver your friend from the sins of life. Let's say He provides them with the principles and the power to stay away from certain things that are the root causes of these failures in life. But, suppose they decide to go ahead and involve their self in those root causes. They know better; but instead of praying and asking God to help them make the right decision, they go ahead on their own strength and expose themselves to things that bring the mistakes, failures, and sins of life back.

Do You Really Want To Go There?

Supervised Rebellion

While still under God's leadership, your friend can be allowed by God to experience old temptations. Because of their lack of a teachable attitude, they will be allowed to experience the root causes of the sins of life that they are having the most difficulties with. God would rather that they just learn how to avoid these temptations through prayer. But, since they **CHOSE** to learn this lesson the hard way, God's leadership allows them to enter into temptation. All during this time God is controlling the circumstances and leading them away from anything that could destroy them. But, He will allow them to experience enough for them to learn from it.

A Prayer Of Protection

Your friend could have prayed and asked God to **“lead them not into temptation;”** and He would have protected them. This request will always be available for them to use; but, it must be used on a case by case basis. When they find themselves being faced with the “opportunity” to get involved in things that cause them to go back to having struggles with the sins of life, they need to pray this prayer and it will save them a lot of pain.

Temptation

Simple, Addictive Pleasure

The temptation to do the wrong or evil thing is strong inside your friend. Addictive pleasure comes their way, when they yield to temptation. They get pleasure from simple things such as talking about someone or bawling them out. It is hard to explain why humans get pleasure out of hurting people's reputations or feelings. But, it can all be traced back to the spiritual disease of sin. The sin disease pushes your friend toward making themselves look good at other's expense. Other sins involve them hurting themselves.

Extreme, Addictive Pleasure

Drug and alcohol abuse can tear away at your friend's body and brain. Why they would sin against their body and hurt their own life is quite a puzzle. Satan is willing to give them extreme pleasure that exceeds the normal pleasures humans typically get. Once they experience this extreme pleasure, it has a tendency to addict them and force them to repeat the process for the rest of their lives.

Praying The Prayer Of Protection

Your friend needs this prayer to help keep them from hurting themselves and others. **Check and see if your friend is ready to be set free from yielding to these and other temptations to hurt themselves and those around them. If you find they are ready, you can have them pray this portion of this prayer two ways. You can first have them say: “Lead me not into temptation.” Then you can have them say: “Lead us not into temptation.”**

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The Textbook Chapter Eight Deliver Us From The Evil One

Satan

Know Where Temptation Comes From

Most of the pressure your friend is experiencing to do bad, unloving things to themselves and the people around them comes from the evil one, Satan. Not only that, most of the bad things that happen to them come from him. The bad “luck,” difficult circumstances, and temptations to sin typically come from him. This is part of this prayer is usually an easy portion of the prayer to pray. Most of us want to be delivered from the evil one.

Pray For Deliverance

Find out whether or not this is your friend’s heart’s desire, then help them pray this portion of the prayer two ways. Have them say: “Deliver me from the evil one.” Then have them say: “Deliver us from the evil one.” When they pray this, they are asking God to not only deliver them but to deliver all the other people on earth from Satan. If they and the people of this world will receive God’s answer to their prayer, their life will become as meaningful and blessed as many others have become.

You Are Now Ready To Start Trying Christianity Out

You Shared Eternal Life!

Congratulations! You have just helped your friend ask their heavenly Father to make them His child, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. God is now ready to start answering their prayers as they begin their life as a Christian. This will be a time for them to try it all out and see if they want to become a permanent member of His family and Kingdom. Jesus, and His people are all committed to helping them experience all the blessings and provisions of God.

How To Keep The Power Life

The main problems your friend will run into have been covered in the four reactions people have to God’s good news about His Kingdom and family. This was covered in the “How To Keep The Power Life” study. If you and your friend need to go back there and read over it again, it might be a good idea. If they haven’t already gone through it and you and Jesus feel they are ready, then take your friend through this study so they will be properly prepared to deal with these issues.

Keep Them Moving Forward

If you or your friends run into other problems, Jesus will be providing you with very important resources on this website. Follow the guidelines provided in the next pages of this study. It will help you help them with getting the help you and they need. Jesus wants to help you and your friends be **more than conquerors through Him Who loved us (Rom 8:37)**. He wants you and your friends to **be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power (Eph 6:10)**. Now let's go back to this very important issue of your friend forgiving people. After The Lord's Prayer, Jesus picked up this issue because it can keep His prayer from working in your friend's life.

Mat 6:14-15 (NIV) For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Forgiveness

They Don't Deserve To Be Forgiven

One big issue is covered by Jesus right after the prayer He gave us to pray. He is saying that your friend forgiving others is vital to the forgiveness their heavenly Father is providing them. To be a permanent Christian, sealed by His Spirit, and secure in His protection and love is going to require that they forgive everyone. First, they need to forgive those in their past who have hurt them. Second, they need to continue to forgive all who hurt them now and in the future.

Jesus Can Help Me Do The Impossible

If you or your friend have problems in this area, do not neglect them. We can't be forgiven without forgiving everyone past, present, and future. But, don't let this frighten you or your friend. Just help them keep asking for Jesus' help with their attitudes; He knows this can be very hard for them.

Jesus' Power-Forgiveness

Jesus isn't asking your friend to forgive people **WITHOUT** them receiving His power to forgive. Help your friend pray for Jesus' power-forgiveness; it is a power to forgive that heals your friend's heart. Jesus gives them a freedom and a release from the bitterness, hatred, anger, and desire to get even. This is something we all need to be constantly praying for. Help your friend not stop praying about it each day until they have complete victory in this matter. Here is the main issue your friend needs to start praying about:

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Forgiveness Opens Or Closes The Door

Once again, if your friend has any problems forgiving someone, help them stay in prayer with God each day until they get Jesus' power-forgiveness to forgive others. This is one thing that is really important to God. This issue isn't optional. Your friend's relationship with their heavenly Father is based on this attitude. Help them keep praying everyday about it until they get the victory over all lack of forgiveness.

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Jesus, help me receive this congratulation. But, help me see that You made it all possible. You have just empowered me to help my friend ask their heavenly Father to make them His child, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. Help me explain to them that God is now ready to start answering their prayers as they begin their life as a Christian. Help me show them that this will be a time for them to try it all out. And this is a time for them to see if they want to become a permanent member of His family and Kingdom. Let me show them that You and Your people are all committed to helping them experience all the blessings and provisions of God.

How To Keep The Power Life

Jesus, I thank You for covering all the main problems my friend will run into in the four reactions people have to God's good news about His Kingdom and family. Since this was covered in the "How To Keep The Power Life" study, if my friend needs to go back there and read over it again, help me know whether or not it is a good idea. If they haven't already gone through it and You, Jesus, feel they are ready, let me take my friend through this study so they will be properly prepared to deal with these issues.

Keep Them Moving Forward

Jesus, if I or my friend run into other problems, help us take advantage of all the things You will be providing. Help us take advantage of these very important resources on this website. Help me follow the guidelines provided in the next pages of this study. Let it help me and my friend get the help I and they need. Jesus, You want to help me and my friend be **more than conquerors through Him Who loved us (Rom 8:37)**. You want me and my friend to **be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power (Eph 6:10)**. Now as I go back to the very important issue of my friend forgiving people, let me help them with it. Jesus, after The Lord's Prayer, You picked up this issue because unforgiveness can keep Your prayer from working in my and my friend's lives.

Jesus, if I and my friend forgive men when they sin against us, our heavenly Father will also forgive us. But if we do not forgive men their sins, our Father will not forgive our sins (Mat 6:14-15).

Forgiveness

They Don't Deserve To Be Forgiven

Jesus, help me understand this big issue covered by You right after the prayer You gave us to pray. You were saying that my friend forgiving others is vital to the forgiveness their heavenly Father is providing them. Help me teach them that to be a permanent Christian, sealed by His Spirit, and secure in His protection and love is going to require that they forgive everyone. Help me show them that first, they need to forgive those in their past who have hurt them. Then second, they need to continue to forgive all who hurt them now and in the future.

Jesus Can Help Me Do The Impossible

Jesus, if I or my friend have ANY problems in this area, help us not neglect this issue. Show us that we cannot be forgiven without forgiving everyone past, present, and future. But, help this not frighten me or my friend. Help us keep asking for Your help with our attitudes; You know this can be very hard for us.

Jesus' Power-Forgiveness

Jesus, help me teach my friend that You aren't asking them to forgive people WITHOUT them receiving Your power to forgive. Let me help my friend pray for Your power-forgiveness; help me show them that it is a power to forgive that heals their heart. You give them a freedom and a release from the bitterness, hatred, anger, and desire to get even. Help me and my friend realize that this is something we need to be constantly praying for. Help me teach my friend to not stop praying about it each day until they have complete victory in this matter. Help me show them that this next verse is the main issue they need to start praying about:

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Forgiveness Opens Or Closes The Door

Jesus, if my friend has any problems forgiving someone, help them stay in prayer with God each day until they get Your power-forgiveness to forgive others. Since this is one thing that is really important to God, help them understand that this issue isn't optional. Help me teach them that their relationship with their heavenly Father is based on this attitude. Let me help them keep praying everyday about it until they get the victory over all lack of forgiveness.

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What's Next?

Love Shares

Don't Just Care About Yourself

James 2:8 (NIV) If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. Your friend now has the power and permission from God to start LIVING their new Christian life. And, there are two things they need help to start doing in order to begin LIVING the Christian life. They will learn how to use their heart to believe Jesus was raised from the dead. That makes their Christian life be based on a living Savior and not a dead one. They will learn how to use their mouth to share the secret of their birth with their friends; that is them yielding to God's love for others.

Keeping The New Christian Alive

Being born alive is a wonderful thing; when a baby is born as a healthy new baby, we are all glad. But, we all realize that keeping them alive is just as important. To keep your new born Christian friend alive, you must help them start “doing what it takes” to stay alive. Here are two things they need to start doing so as to breath in and out spiritually:

- 1. THEY MUST TELL OTHERS THAT JESUS IS THEIR LORD.**
- 2. THEY MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD.**

Breathing On Their Own

These two things couldn't be required of any of us, until we had prayed the prayer the Lord gave all of us to pray. A baby isn't required to start breathing on their own until they have been born. Your friend couldn't start breathing spiritually until they were born again. That prayer put some powerful equipment in your friend's heart and life. They may not feel any of it or understand any of it; but it is there. The first requirement comes from their mouth. They must start telling their friends, relatives, and associates that Jesus is Lord and that they have accepted Jesus as their Lord.

Assist them in asking Jesus to help them be pleased and to feel privileged that they are a Christian. Help them start saying that Jesus is Lord and that Jesus is their Lord. You can help by going with them to share this wonderful fact with some of their friends. Your presence and support can help get them started sharing (breathing spiritually).

Breathing, Eating, And Exercising

Sharing The Responsibility

You can also help your friend by leading them into asking Jesus to help them never be ashamed of the fact that He is their Lord. A baby must cooperate with its caregivers, but those responsible for the baby must provide the opportunity to breath, eat, and move their body around. The baby is responsible to cry when they have a problem; but, we are responsible for trying to find out what the problem is. So, let's see what the "born again baby manual" says we are to help them do. Here is what the Bible (born again baby manual) says about the process of being saved, born again, and LIVING as a Christian:

Rom 10:8-13 But what does it say? "The word is near YOU; it is in YOUR mouth and in YOUR heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That

- 1. If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and**
- 2. believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you WILL be saved.**

For

- 1. it is with YOUR heart that you believe and are justified,**
- 2. and it is with YOUR mouth that you confess and are saved.**

As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in Him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

It's The Power Of God

It doesn't seem possible that praying the words of The Lord's Prayer and obeying Romans 10:8-10 can transform your friend into a child of God, make them a member of His family, and cause them to be a citizen of His Kingdom; but, it isn't the power of the prayer or the power of Romans 10:8-10; it is the power of God that does it. When your friend obeys God's Word, the Bible, God honors their obedience and transforms them into a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom.

It is this same power of God that is flowing THROUGH the Bible telling us what to do to keep our new Christian friend alive. Jesus has taken important, vital Scriptures and helped us provide you with those that help you take good care of your friend. There are special Scriptures like Romans 10:8-10 that empower your friend to not only stay alive, they will start growing in their power and spiritual skills.

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Jesus, help me see a baby being born alive and how wonderful it is; help me see that when a baby is born as a healthy new baby, we are all glad; but, also help me see that we must all realize that keeping them alive is just as important. Help me see the correlation between a human baby and a child of God. Make it clear to me that to keep my new born Christian friend alive, I must help them start “doing what it takes” to stay alive. Teach me that there are two things they need to start doing so as to breath in and out spiritually:

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My Next Assignment For My Friend

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The Textbook Chapter Ten

How To Believe That God Raised Jesus From The Dead

Jesus' Life Makes It All Possible

1 Cor 6:14 (NIV) By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. It is impossible to be a Christian, if we don't believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. All of our power and success in the Christian life are going to come through Jesus. Our ability to resist the difficulties with the issues of life, all our hope for eternal life, and our citizenship in the Kingdom of God are based on life after death through Jesus.

Jesus Proves Life After Death

1 Cor 15:19-20 (NIV) If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. If God didn't raise Jesus from the dead, then we have no reason whatsoever to believe that WE will be raised from the dead; we can't call on a dead God. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. That means that when we call on Him, He will answer us and empower us to live the life of a citizen in God's Kingdom.

Jesus Works Miracles

Later it will be easy for your friend to know that Jesus has been raised from the dead. They will experience all kinds of miracles from Him that will PROVE His being alive. But for now they just need to consider a few truths about Jesus.

Our Spirit Can't Die

Jesus Never Ceased To Exist

We are all going to live forever somewhere. Our bodies die; but the spirit person that is the real us is going to keep on living. Jesus never ceased to exist; He, as a Spirit being, continued to live; we can't kill a spirit. All we are being asked to believe is, that the Father put Jesus' Spirit back in His body. We aren't being asked to believe that Jesus ceased to exist and the Father made Him exist again.

Can we believe that after Jesus' body was killed, God was able to bring it back to life by putting Jesus' Spirit back in it?

1. Jesus Keeps Us In Existence

Col 1:15-17 (NIV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. If Jesus ceased to exist, the universe, the earth, and you would cease to exist. Jesus created them and is NOW holding them all together.

2. Jesus Spoke Faith Into You

Rom 10:17 (NIV) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Jesus spoke faith in you and your friend while you were being presented the good news message. It was a supernatural miracle that caused you to know you were hearing the truth. People could have tried to convince you; and, you could have tried to argue and debate with your friend. But, no matter how hard we may try, people just don't believe without Jesus speaking this faith into them. That knowledge empowers your friend to KNOW God raised Jesus from the dead.

3. Jesus Is Changing Your Life

2 Cor 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! You and your friend can feel "something" different about yourselves. There are new attitudes, new ways of seeing things, new desires in your hearts, and new circumstances starting to come your way. There is faith, hope, love, and power starting to show up in your life. You and your friend know God raised Jesus from the dead because He is changing you and your life.

4. Jesus Is Talking To You

1 Cor 2:14 (NIV) The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. That was your and your friend's life prior to salvation. Here you are reading these things and they are making sense to you. As you talk to your friend, they are understanding a lot of what you are telling them. As you can see, the Bible makes it clear that if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, He wouldn't be able to speak to you and your friend through the Holy Spirit. You would lack spiritual ears and eyes that were capable of learning all the wonderful things of God.

5. Jesus Is Providing You With Resources

Spiritual growth classes have been prepared for you and your friends. They will use the power we now have through salvation and help us be healed from the issues of life. There you and your friends will find powerful help from Jesus and His Bible to assist you in your journey into a life of victory. That life will be available for here and into eternal life in God's eternal Kingdom. We are praying for you and your friends that these Spiritual Growth studies will bless and strengthen you.

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Jesus, I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that, **by His power God raised You from the dead, and He will raise me also (1 Cor 6:14)**. Now, help me lead my friend into this confession and faith. Help me show my friend that it is impossible to be a Christian, if they don't believe that God raised You from the dead. Help me teach them that all of their power and success in the Christian life are going to come through You. All their abilities to resist the difficulties with the issues of life, all their hope for eternal life, and their citizenship in the Kingdom of God are based on life after death through You.

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The question is, can my friend be helped to believe that God raised You from the dead?

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