

What Do You Want?

Matthew 6:9-13

What sorts of things does Jesus say we should ask for?

Give us our Daily Bread = _____

You and I cannot do anything without God

Forgive us our sins = _____

We all have a debt to God that we cannot pay

Deliver us from evil = _____

Asking for His guidance presupposes that you intend to follow His guidance

Not asking, _____ motives or that God

may want something _____ for you
could make God's answer to your prayer different from what you expected

KNEES AND FEET (Prayer and Action): Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a change of mind and action.

How might asking God what HE wants to accomplish affect your prayer life? What connections do you see between that and defining prayer as calling on God to keep His promises or agreeing with His plan?

How does the Serenity Prayer address these questions for you?

Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen.