

## **PRAY LIKE THIS: PRAYING IN GOD'S PROVISION**

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### **Matthew 6:9-13 NKJ**

*In this manner, therefore, 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 this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### **Matthew 6:11 NKJ**

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

### **James 4:2-3 NLT**

*You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

### **Matthew 7:7-11 NKJ**

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

### **Principles of God's Provision:**

1. Believe it's God's will for you to prosper

### **Ecclesiastes 9:16 NKJ**

*Then I said: "Wisdom is better than strength. Nevertheless the poor*

*man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard."*

**Psalm 35:27 NKJ**

*Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."*

**Jeremiah 29:11 NIV**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

**Deuteronomy 28:1-4 NKJ**

*"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks."*

**Deuteronomy 28:8-10 NKJ**

*"The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you."*

**3 John 1:2 NKJ**

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

2. Have the right motive in your heart

**Deuteronomy 8:7-17 NKJ**

*“For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’”*

**Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJ**

*“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”*

3. Diligent balanced work habits

**2 Thessalonians 3:10 NIV**

*For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”*

**Proverbs 12:24 NKJ**

*The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor.*

**Proverbs 10:4 NIV**

*Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.*

**Proverbs 24:30-34 NKJ**

*I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; and there it was, all overgrown with thorns; its surface was covered with nettles; its stone wall was broken down. When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest; so shall your poverty come like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.*

4. Trust God's principle of sowing and reaping

**Galatians 6:7 NKJ**

*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

**Proverbs 3:5-10 NKJ**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.*

**Malachi 3:10-11 NKJ**

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the Lord of hosts...*

5. Be specific and pray in your harvest

**John 15:7 NKJ**

*“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”*

**John 15:8 NKJ**

*“By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”*