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PRAYER

CONSTANT CONVERSATIONS
WITH GOD

Part IV: The Prayer of Surrender

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

~Philippians 4:6-7

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“Don’t worry about anything.
Instead, pray about everything.”

~Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

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Why We Lose Our Peace

- When circumstances are uncontrollable
- When people are unchangeable
- When problems are unexplainable



The Prayer Of Surrender

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

~Matthew 6:10

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Where is God's Kingdom?

- God's Kingdom is wherever God's rule is!
- God's Kingdom is wherever King Jesus is enthroned as Savior and Lord!
- God's Kingdom is wherever God's will is done!



To understand what the Lord's Prayer means in my mind, to pray it with my lips, and to believe it in my heart will foment nothing less than a soul revolution.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done" will unleash God's peace to stand guard 24/7 over all that concerns me!



God's Peace — My Peace

“The settled assurance that because of God's care and God's competence, this world is a perfectly safe place for me, even though it doesn't always seem so.”

~Dallas Willard



The Prayer Of Surrender Means...

Settling once and for all that God is God and I am not!

Submitting to God's plan, yielding to God's control, trusting in God's care!

Accepting the things that I cannot change!



“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

~Philippians 4:11-13



Accepting God's Will

Accepting God's will is a learned experience.

- 👁️ “I have learned to be content...”
- 👁️ Paul learned to submit to God's plan.



Accepting God's Will

Accepting God's will is a choice.

- “I can do everything...”
- Paul chose to yield to God's control.



Accepting God's Will

Accepting God's will is possible only through Christ's strength.

- "...through Him who gives me strength."
- Paul entrusted his life to God's care only by Divine power.



The Prayer of Surrender — “Your will be done” — both requires Christ’s strength and releases Christ’s strength.

Circumstances beyond my control provide the greatest opportunity to develop trust, receive power, deepen my faith, and experience supernatural peace.



The Prayer of Surrender eliminates one the greatest barriers to the peace of God in my life: The need to know why!

- God does not owe me an explanation.
- God's explanations are infinite; my understanding is finite.
- Explanations provide reasons but do not produce happiness.



THE SERENITY PRAYER

by Reinhold Niebuhr

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.”



“God is ready to assume full responsibility
for the life wholly yielded to Him.

~Andrew Murray

“You, Lord, give true peace to those who
depend on You because they trust You.”

~Isaiah 26:3 (NCV)



“Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.



“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

~Matthew 6:9-13

