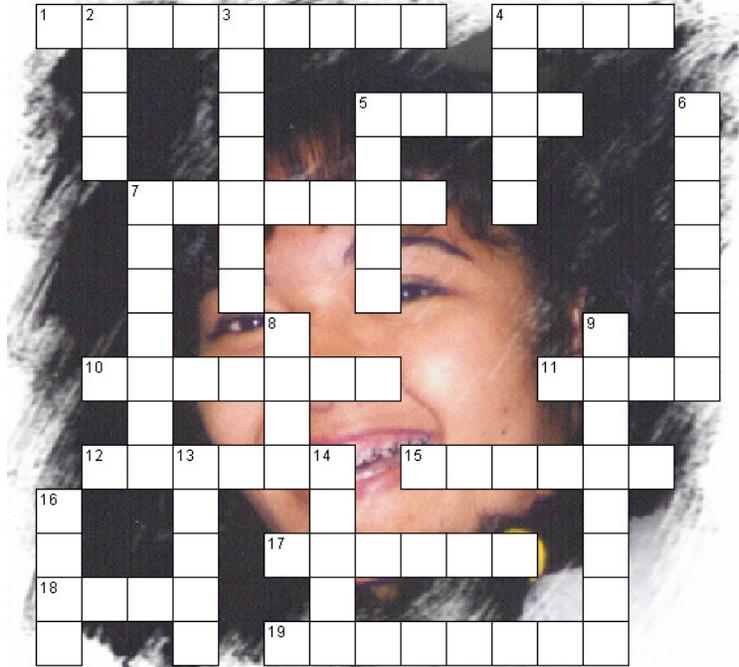


# Crossword Puzzle

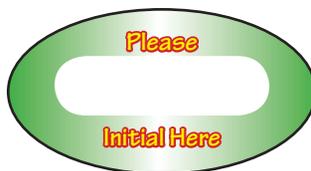


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| 1. We should pray for God's _____.                                  | 2. ... firstly for God's _____   |
| 4. When we pray for God's interests we are praying _____ prayers.   | 3. A petition is a _____.  |
| 5. We should pray for our daily _____.                              | 4. _____, comfort, reassurance...  |
| 7. God is especially _____ when we...                               | 5. We should pray that the Lord would _____ them and for their progress... |
| 10. ...all our anxieties and _____.                                 | 6. ...peace, _____, reassurance...   |
| 11. ...comfort, reassurance and _____.                              | 7. ...live our lives according to His _____.                               |
| 12. We should pray for other _____.                                 | 8. This is to pray according to His _____.                                 |
| 15. We sense God's happiness in our _____.                          | 9. A request.  |
| 17. There are several types of _____.                               | 13. We should pray for _____ people.                                       |
| 18. As those who have received God's _____ and have truly become... | 14. ...for His kingdom to come to the _____.                               |
| 19. ... truly become God's _____                                    | 16. _____ upon His name.   |

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## The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Twenty One -

### How to Contact the Lord (3) -

### By Prayer With Petitions

#### I. Overview.

**A**s dear children of God we are learning to pray to have fellowship with Him. Actually, we can pray in several different ways. As we saw in the previous lesson, we can pray by calling upon His precious name, "O Lord Jesus!" This is how to contact Him and have fellowship with Him. In this lesson we will look at other ways that we should learn to pray.

First, we can pray prayers of confession to the Lord. Whenever



*"Let your requests be made known to God."  
(Phil. 4:6)*

we feel a bothering in our conscience, we should pray to confess and receive the cleansing of the Lord's blood. We also should pray prayers of petition. Petitions are requests. Our requests should be according to God's will. We should pray for His Name and His kingdom. We should pray for others. We also should pray for our daily bread and should give our anxieties to the Lord.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**"And this is the boldness which we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."**

(1 John 5:14)

### III. Lesson.

As those who have received God's life and have truly become His children, we have the great privilege of bringing our requests or "petitions" to God. Because our heart is becoming more aligned with God's interests, we can pray for the things that God cares about. This is to pray according to His will.



#### Prayers From a Pure Heart

When we pray according to God's interest, we are praying pure prayers. This means that we are not praying only for things that concern ourselves. Our petitioning prayer should firstly be for God's Name to be sanctified and for His kingdom to come to the earth.

*When we pray for God's interests and the interests of others, we are praying "pure" prayers.*

We should also pray for other people. We should pray that

the Lord would bless them and for their progress in the Christian life. We should also pray that the church would be strong and that it would grow. God is especially pleased when we pray for these things. We will sense God's happiness in our spirit as we pray.

Because we are here to serve God, we should certainly pray for our daily bread. God desires to meet all of our needs as we live on earth for Him. He is our loving and caring Father and is very concerned for our well being. He wants us to have everything that we need to live our life according to His purpose.

Finally, we should pray concerning all of our anxieties and worries. God knows that certain things may concern and

bother us. He wants us to turn all these things over to Him in prayer that He could bear them for us. When we give Him all of our cares, anxieties and burdens, He in return, gives us peace, comfort, reassurance and rest. What a marvelous trade this is!

Whenever we pray in the way of petitioning God, or making our requests known to Him, we should not pray in a selfish way. God is not pleased with us when we are selfish. Also, as with the types of prayer that we looked at in the previous lessons, we should always mix our prayer with much calling upon the name of the Lord. It is always good to call upon Him out of a pure heart, as it will certainly strengthen our prayer.

### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is a prayer of petition?  
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2. What are some of the things that we should pray for in our petition or request to God?  
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3. What does it mean to be pure in our prayer?  
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4. What does the Lord give in exchange for our worries?  
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