

THE SECRET OF PRAYER: A Knowledge of the Fatherhood of God

Based on the writings of Andrew Murray

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." *James 1:17*

Above all, let us hold fast to this blessed truth that the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God and Jesus' example of the Lord's prayer, form the foundation in prayer. The revelation of His infinite Fatherliness in our hearts sets the ground for our approach. The faith in the infinite love that gives us His Son and His Spirit to make us His children—is indeed the secret of prayer. This is the new and living way Christ opened for us. Christ the Son—and the Spirit of the Son—dwell within us and reveal the Father. Experiencing Him in prayer makes us true, spiritual worshippers.

Blessed Jesus, I rejoice in the assurance that You will instruct Your disciple as I come with a heart that longs to pray in spirit and truth. This desire to pray is not from man but comes from You. Teach me that prayer is not only a thing for special occasions, but that it is the outflowing of a life in You. Jesus, thank You that You live in me and now pray through me.

Teach me to draw near to You, Jesus, in prayer. I acknowledge a sense of ignorance and inexperience. Yet I am a child and have a child's freedom of access. In You I have the spirit of Sonship and can worship in truth. Teach me how the revelation of the Father gives me confidence in prayer. And let the infinite Fatherliness of God's heart be my joy and strength.

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How to Start a *Cords of Three* Prayer Ministry

Step 1 – Commit yourself to God as His servant to begin this new prayer ministry. Ask Him to help you identify one or two (max.) other believers and invite them to join you each week for a 10-15 minute phone prayer meeting. Don't expect everyone to say "yes."

Write the names below of those you are going to invite to join you.

Step 2 – Organize an initial phone meeting to decide on the logistics (day, time, who will initiate the call, etc.). Put it on your calendar and don't let anything supplant it.

Step 3 – Resolve to begin on a specific date and to be committed to the Lord, to each other, and the weekly prayer meeting.

Step 4 – Deploy. Get started. It may seem a bit awkward at first, but your *Cords of Three* prayer ministry will quickly become a powerful spiritual influence in your life and the lives of those you meet with each week.



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