

# Petition: Step 7 For Cultivating Daily Delight in Prayer

“Could you not watch with Me one hour?”  
Matthew 26:40 (NKJV)

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**Step Seven** \_\_\_\_\_

## Basic Definition

The Act of Personal \_\_\_\_\_

Action Focus: Personalized \_\_\_\_\_

Key Word: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Voices from the Past:*

“Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom. It is a rule that will never be altered in anybody’s case. If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking that He may have, you and I cannot expect to have the rule relaxed in our favor.”

—Charles Spurgeon

## PETITION: A Biblical Basis

### *Scripture:*

So I say to you, 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.

Luke 11:9-10 (NKJV)

Here's what I'm saying: Ask and you'll get; Seek and you'll find; Knock and the door will open. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need.

Luke 11:9-10 (MSG)

I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.

Mark 11:24 (NLT)

That's why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you'll get God's everything.

Mark 11:24 (MSG)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done... And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6, 19 (NLT)

Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:2 (NKJV)

## Summary Definition of PETITION...

A time to \_\_\_\_\_

### *Voices from the Past:*

“Asking is the symbol of our desire. Some things God will not give until we want them enough to ask.”

—E. Stanley Jones

“We are careful to ask with a beggar’s humility, to seek with a servant’s carefulness, and to knock with the confidence of a friend.”

—Unknown

PETITION: A Prayer Application

Share personal \_\_\_\_\_.

***Voices from the Past:***

“Do you want to take the sting out of trouble? Take it to God and pray it through. Don’t just say, ‘Lord help me.’ But pray through the situation. Analyze it; take it apart, bring it to God piece by piece. Verbalize to God the fact that you’re hurting, you’re in trouble, you’re scared, you’re in danger, or your world has fallen in upon you.”

—Clarence Crawford

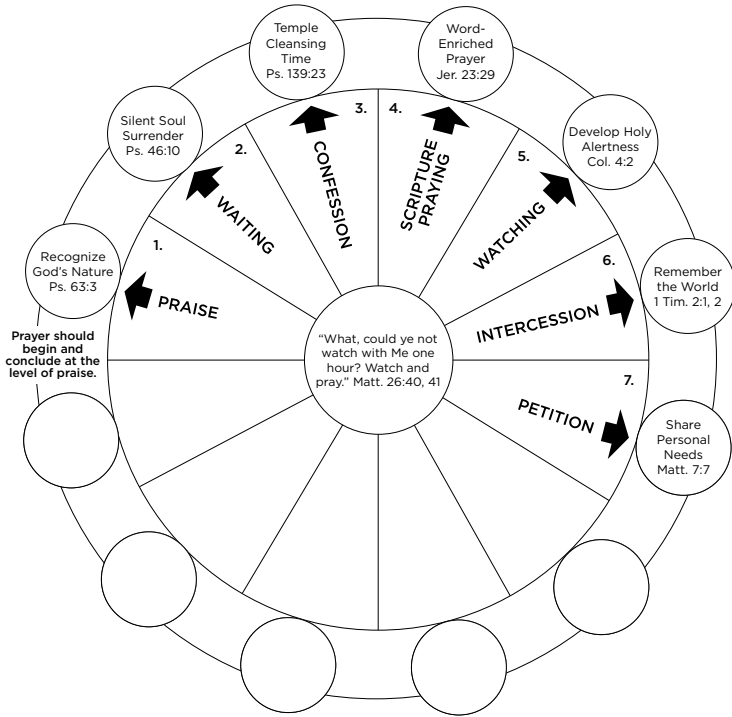
PETITION: A Life Application

Honestly express personal \_\_\_\_\_.

***Voices from the Past:***

“We Christians may ask our Father for all that we need. Only, let our desires be restrained, and our prayers unselfish. The personal petitions contained in the Lord’s prayer are very modest—daily bread, forgiveness, and deliverance from sin’s power. Yet these comprise all things that pertain to life and godliness.”

—Dr. David McIntyre



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## Where to Next?

PETITION...

### **Four Ways to Get Started and Keep Going!**

Following are four suggestions to help you personally apply this aspect of the 12 in daily prayer.

A Practical Prayer Summary  
Step 7 in World-Changing Prayer

1. Begin your petition by asking the Holy Spirit to help you claim only those desires that will bring special honor to the Lord.
2. Make a mental list of specific needs you have for that very day and offer each need to God.
3. Enlarge a petition carefully, taking time to explain to God why you desire an answer for that request.
4. Frequently examine your motives for claiming a petition. Be certain they are pure in the sight of God.

## AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

### ***Ponder Points:***

Discuss (or ponder) why you think God has ordained that His children need to ask for blessings when He easily could give us what we need without our asking. What biblical basis do you think Charles Spurgeon had for saying, "Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom"?

### ***Personal Afterthoughts:***

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### ***Prayer Points:***

Ask God, very specifically, for something personal that you feel is clearly in line with His will. Be as detailed as possible in asking for this specific need. In prayer, tell God what your basis is for believing this petition is in line with His will.