



Belonging to Him (Part 2)

Practical Lessons in Divine Intimacy

A photograph of the interior of a large, historic church. In the foreground, a man with white hair, wearing a black leather jacket and dark pants, is seated in a wooden pew, viewed from behind. He is looking towards the altar area. The church has high, vaulted ceilings and large, arched windows with leaded glass. A large, simple wooden cross is mounted on the wall above the altar. The floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, creating a solemn atmosphere.

My Relationship to Prayer

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**George
Müller
1805-1898**

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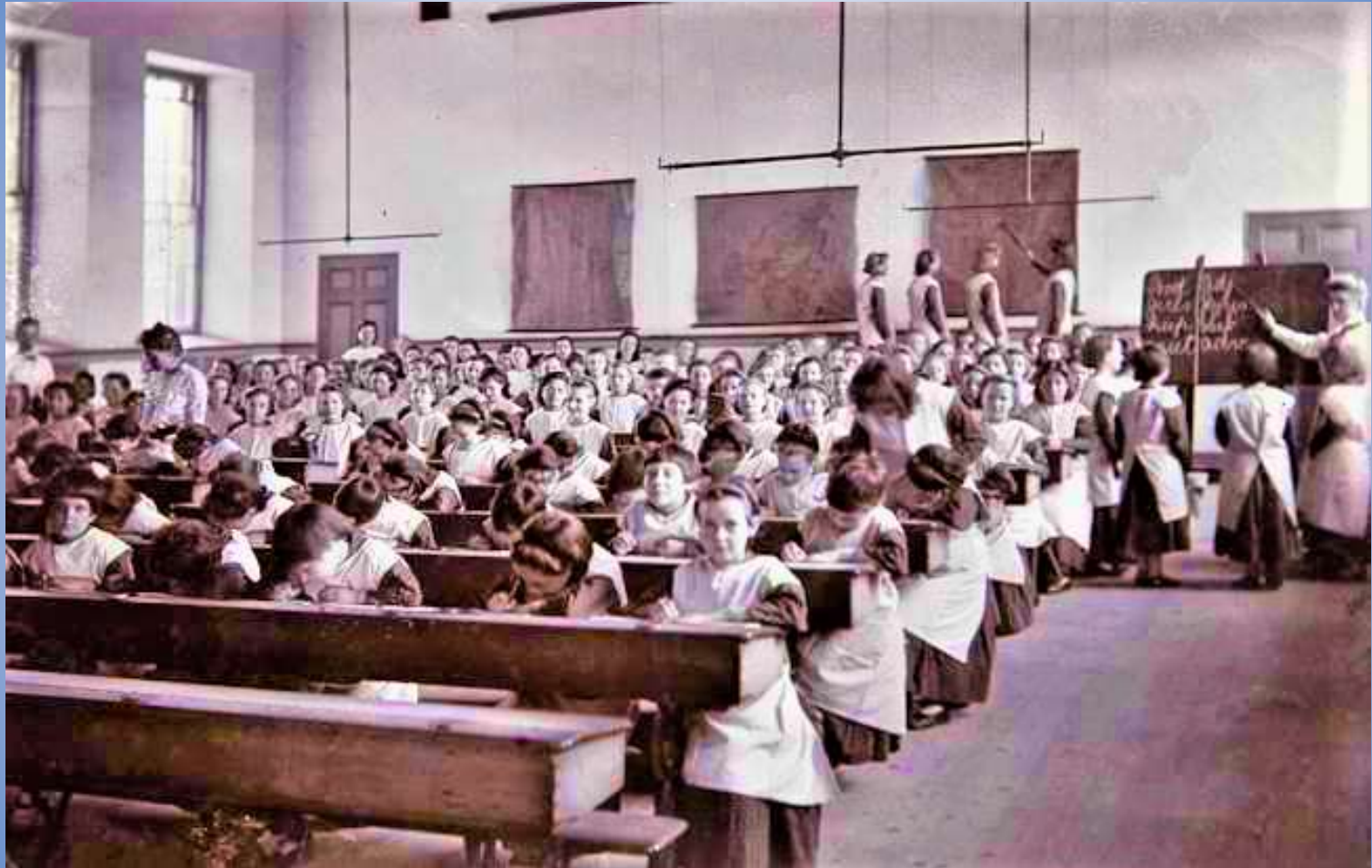
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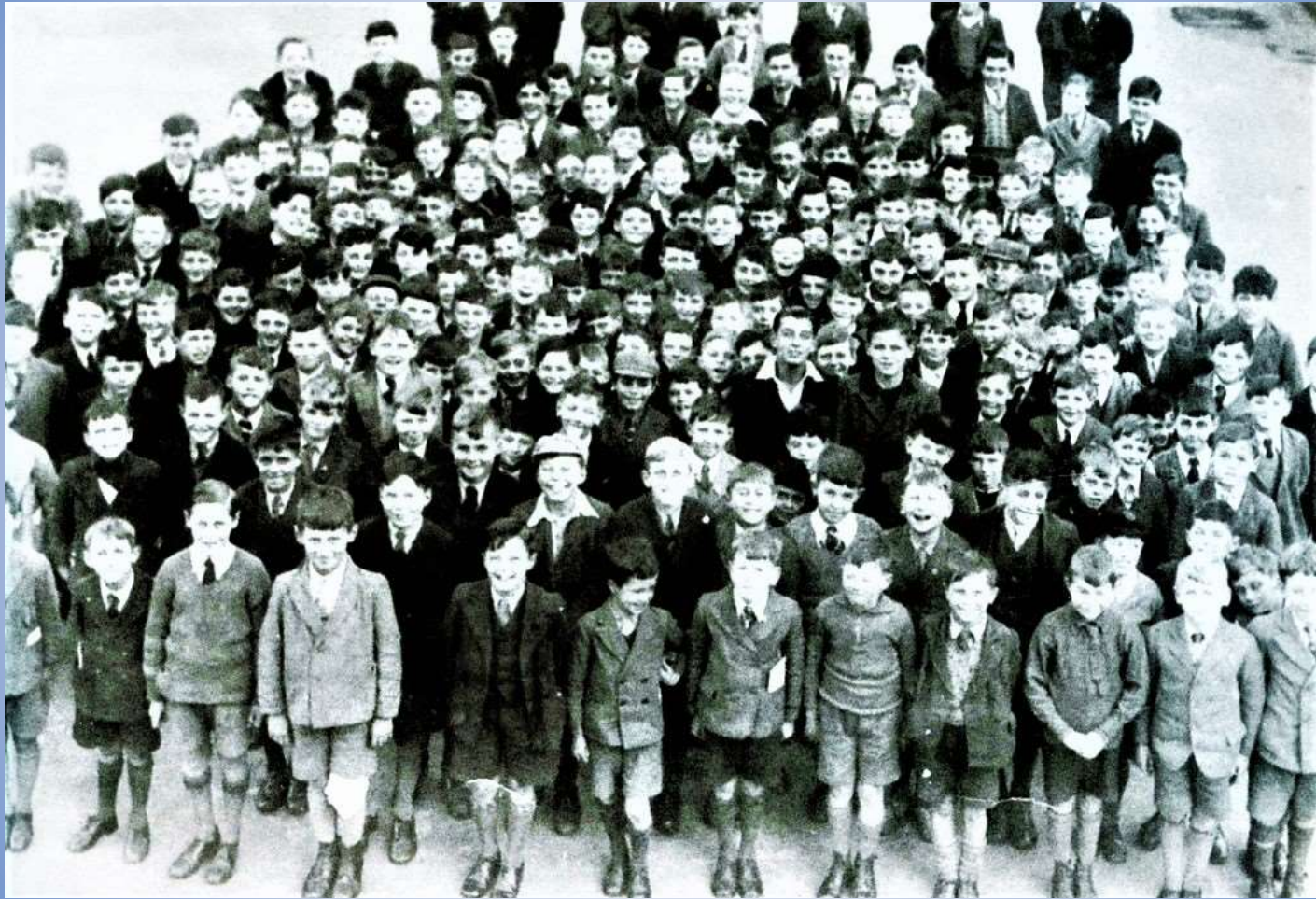
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Belonging to God through Prayer



“I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming.” – George Müller

My Relationship to Prayer

Belonging to God through Prayer



“I believe God has heard my prayers. I have recorded my petitions that—when God has answered them—his name will be glorified.”
– George Müller

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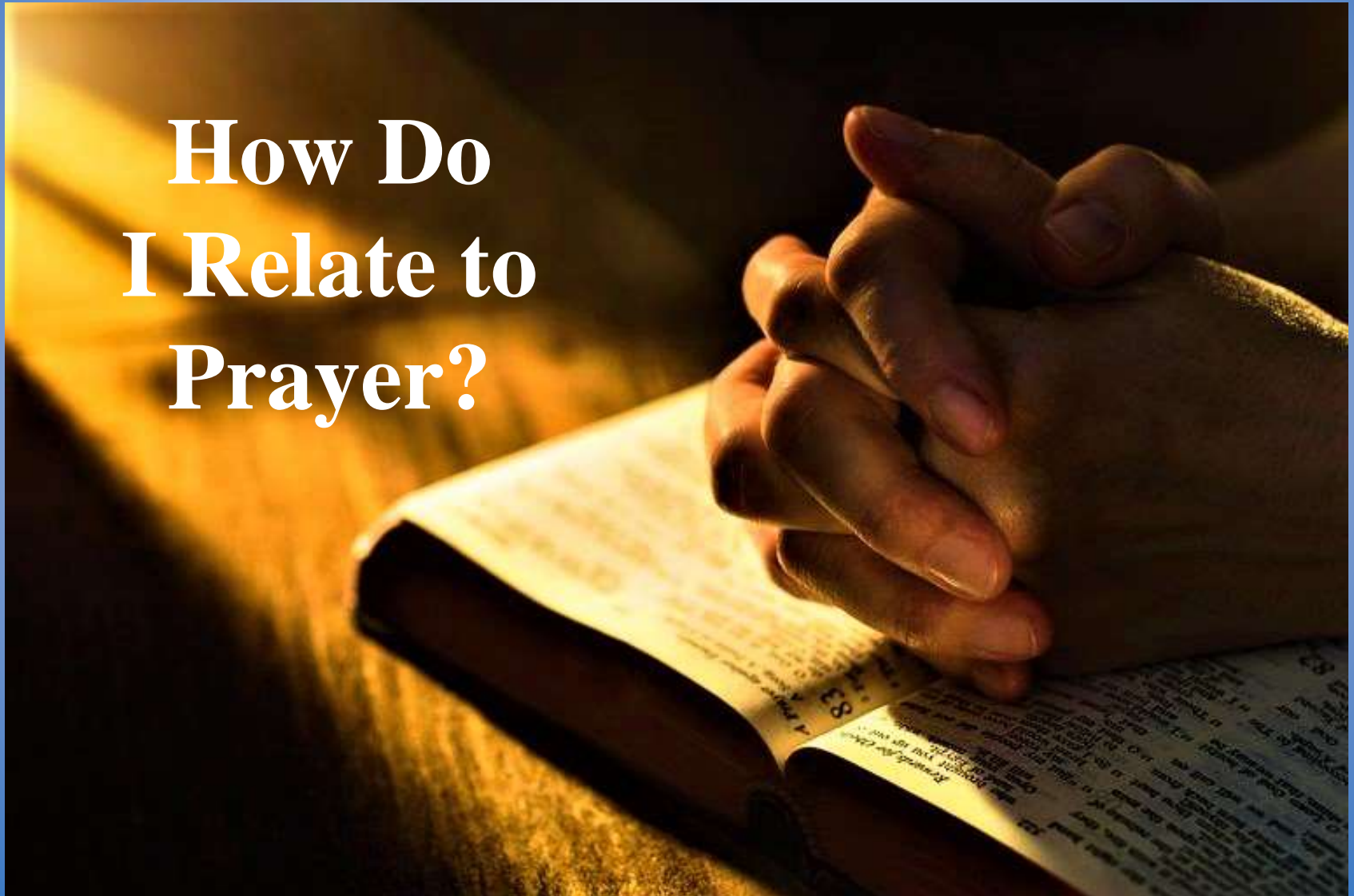


“No one ought to expect to see much good resulting from his labors in word and doctrine if he is not much given to prayer and meditation.”

– George Müller

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**How Do
I Relate to
Prayer?**



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How Do I Relate to Prayer?

- Is it just as a way to get what I want/need?
- Is it just as an act of desperation or last resort?
- Is it something you just do, but I doubt that it does much good?

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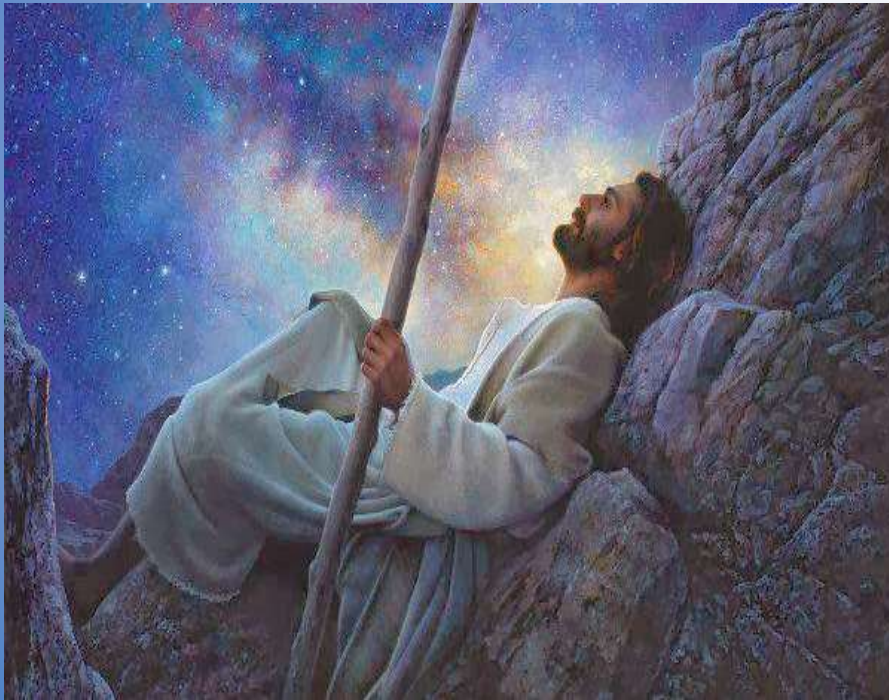
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“Prayer is not simply getting things from God—that is only the most elementary kind of prayer. Prayer is coming into perfect fellowship and oneness with God.”

— Oswald Chambers

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Jesus' Connection to the Father



*“The report about him went abroad and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.”
(Luke 5:15-16)*

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Jesus' Connection to the Father



“Pray then like this...

*‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.’
(Matthew 6:9)*

My Relationship to Prayer

Intimacy, Sovereignty, & Praise

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

*“You received the Spirit of sonship. By him we cry,
‘Abba, Father.’” (Romans 8:15)*

My Relationship to Prayer

Intimacy, Sovereignty, & Praise

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.” – J.I. Packer

My Relationship to Prayer

Intimacy, Sovereignty, & Praise

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

“Praise the LORD, O my soul. All my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” (Psalm 103:2)

My Relationship to Prayer

Intimacy, Sovereignty, & Praise

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”



“Our difficulty seems to be this: the promise is so ‘exceeding great’ that we cannot conceive God really to mean what he clearly appears to have revealed.”

My Relationship to Prayer

Intimacy, Sovereignty, & Praise

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”



“The blessing seems too vast for our comprehension; we ‘stagger at the promises, through unbelief,’ and thus fail to secure the treasure which was purchased for us by Christ Jesus.” – George Müller

My Relationship to Prayer

Submission, Obedience, & Hope

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

*“The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.”
(Proverbs 15:8)*

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Submission, Obedience, & Hope

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

“To ask ‘rightly’ involves transformed passions. In prayer, real prayer, we begin to think God’s thoughts after him: to desire the things he desires, to love the things he loves, to will the things he wills.”

– Richard Foster

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Submission, Obedience, & Hope

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



“Be assured, if you walk with him and look to him, and expect help from him, he will never fail you.” – George Müller

My Relationship to Prayer

Faith, Trust, & Fulfillment

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

“Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

(Matthew 4:4)

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

(John 15:7)

My Relationship to Prayer

Faith, Trust, & Fulfillment

“Give us this day our daily bread.”



“The Lord not only gives as much as is absolutely necessary for his work, but he gives abundantly.” – George Müller

My Relationship to Prayer

Confession, Grace, & Intercession

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.” (Psalm 51:1)

My Relationship to Prayer

Confession, Grace, & Intercession

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:44-45)

My Relationship to Prayer

Confession, Grace, & Intercession

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”



“I confessed my sin and sought to have my conscience cleansed... When I returned, I sought the Lord again in prayer and had uninterrupted communion with him.”

– George Müller

My Relationship to Prayer

Guidance, Protection, & Salvation

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!”
(Psalm 61:1-4)

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Guidance, Protection, & Salvation

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”



“Truly, I prefer by far this life of almost constant trial—if I am only able to roll all my cares upon my Heavenly Father, and thus become increasingly acquainted with him—”

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Guidance, Protection, & Salvation

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”



“...[*I prefer that life*] to a life of outward peace and quietness, without these constant proofs of his faithfulness.”
– George Müller



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