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Little Big Prayers

Last week, I wrote about how we can use The Lord's Prayer to shape our daily prayers. But what about spontaneous prayers, words that flow from our spirit in life's unique moments? Sometimes the sincerest prayers are also the shortest and simplest, prayers in which we are not really telling God what to do or cataloging what we want out of Him, but simply calling on Him or glorifying Him. Here are a few "little big prayers" for our ongoing conversations with the Lord.

Lord, have mercy ... We always approach God out of need. We pray for His mercy upon ourselves and those in any need (Mark 10:46-52).

Lord, You know ... We take comfort in the fact that the Lord knows our needs even before we speak of them (Matthew 6:8).

Lord, help me ... We *always* need God's help! A faithful yet struggling father prayed that Jesus would help his unbelief (Mark 9:24).

Forgive me, Lord ... Our sins, like David's have grieved the Lord (Psalm 51:4) but He is faithful and just to forgive us (1 John 1:9).

Use me, Lord ... You are God's masterpiece! Pray that He will be a blessing through you and the good that you will do (Ephesians 2:10).

Lord, I surrender _____ to You ... You are not in control, but your Creator is! Be still and know that He will act (Exodus 14:14).

Lord, bless their/our/my journey ... In all our comings and goings, we ask the Lord to keep watch over us (Psalm 121).

Your will be done ... Another timeless prayer from the lips of Jesus Himself! (Matthew 26:39, 42)

Thank You, God ... Shouldn't we be praying this all the time? Even when we don't feel like it, God is continually giving us reasons to thank Him (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Come, Lord Jesus ... We pray for Jesus to share our moments and our days with us and to come and make all things new (Rev. 21:5; 22:20).

Peace in Christ,
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