

Introduction:

- 1) Military History/Why aviation title.
- 2) NAV history /Why I believe in and Love the Word.

"Broadcasting in the blind" verses "Precision Approach" What that means. How it relates.

Define PRAYER:

Noah Webster, 1828 - In worship, a solemn address to the Supreme Being, consisting of adoration, or an expression of our sense of God's glorious perfection, confession of our sins, supplication for mercy and forgiveness, intercession for blessings on others, and thanksgiving or an expression of gratitude to God for his mercies and benefits. A prayer however may consist of a single petition, and it may be extemporaneous, written or printed.

Webster's Dictionary, 1913- The act of addressing supplication to a divinity, especially the true God; the offering of adoration confession, supplication, and thanksgiving to the Supreme Being.

Merriam/Webster's 9th New Collegiate Dictionary, 1986 - An address (as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought.

Merriam/Webster -2010

- 1 (a):** an address (as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought <said a *prayer* for the success of the voyage> (b): a set order of words used in praying
- 2:** an earnest request or wish
- 3:** the act or practice of praying to God or a god <kneeling in *prayer*>
- 4:** a religious service consisting chiefly of prayers —often used in plural
- 5:** something prayed for
- 6:** a slight chance <haven't got a *prayer*>

What is prayer in 2011? What does it mean to you?

What was prayer in the beginning, or during the time of Christ?

Has it changed? If so, how?

How often do you pray? What kind of Prayers do you pray? Thoughts? Allowed when alone? Public prayers? Private prayers? Where do you pray? When do you pray?

I. Why we pray.

- Desperation?

Psalm 116:1,2,4- I love the Lord, Because he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because He turned His ear to me, I will call upon Him a long as I live.

.....Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord I beseech You, Save my life!"
(NIV)

(AMP) adds, "and now hears"

"A dear friend of mine who was quite a lover of the chase, told me the following story: 'Rising early one morning,' he said, 'I heard the baying of a score of deerhounds in pursuit of their quarry. Looking away to a broad, open field in front of me, I saw a young fawn making its way across, and giving signs, moreover, that its race was well-nigh run. Reaching the rails of the enclosure, it leaped over and crouched within ten feet from where I stood. A moment later two of the hounds came over. When the fawn ran in my direction and pushed its head between my legs. I lifted the little thing to my breast, and, swinging round and round, fought off the dogs. I felt, just then, that all the dogs in the West could not, and should not capture that fawn after its weakness had appealed to my strength.' So is it, when human helplessness appeals to Almighty God. Well do I remember when the hounds of sin were after my soul, until, at last, I ran into the arms of Almighty God." -- A. C. DIXON.

- Example of Christ

Matt 14:23a - And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone...(NASB)

Mark 14:32-39 (read text)

John 17:1-26 (entire chapter)

- Example of the disciples

Acts 2:42 - And They steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers. (AMP)

Ephesians 6:18,19

II. What do we pray?

Types of Prayers -

1) Public - Solomon - 1Kings 8:22-53

- Jesus - John 11:41,42

2) Group - John 17:1-26

3) Private - Matt 6:6, Acts - 10:9

4) Silent - Mark 2:6-8

Characteristics of Prayers -

1) Adoration - Psalm 40:5

2) Thanksgiving - Psalm 116:17, Luke 17:12-18

3) Supplication - Psalm 43:1

4) Intercession - Exodus 32:31,32 and Exodus 34:9

5) Confession - 1 John 1:5,9 and Psalm 103:10-13

III. How do we pray?

Matt 6:5-13

Aircraft Radio Communications - Broadcasting in the blind/Precision Approach

1) Address the intended recipient, 2) Identify yourself, 3) Make your request (be specific) 4) Close with intended recipient

1) Address God - Who is He, Why are you praying to Him? Think about what He is to you.

2) Identify yourself - Who are you and what are you to Him? Why do you have the right to address Him?

3) What do you want? Be specific. God can do anything. Mark 9:23

4) Close with acknowledgement that God now owns your concern or worry. He is in control. 1 Peter 5:7

Luke 18:10-14

Luke 22:40,46

IV. Praying through Scripture

You can incorporate all of these in your plan for praying through Scripture. Select a passage that is meaningful to you or goes along with the topic in your devotions for the day. Follow these steps:

1. Read the passage.

2. Write your answer to these questions: What promise or command is in this verse?

What lesson do I need to learn?

3. Write down what you want to say to God as a result of what you discovered. Make sure that you have something for each prayer action (Adoration, Confession, Intercession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). Your response can be either Scripture that you say back to God or expressions of your own heart.

4. Pray what you've written.

Example: If you selected Romans 8:26-30, you might answer the questions this way:

What promise is in these verses? The Holy Spirit will help me pray. What command must I obey? I must love God. What lesson do I need to learn? God causes everything in my life to work out for my good.

An Example: "God, You are so wonderful. You are so personally involved in my life that You see my prayers and help me pray when my heart is heavy. I am sorry that I haven't taken more time to talk to You in the past twenty-four hours. I thank You that You are patient with me and will still work in my life for my good even though I fail You at times. Please help me to bring all my problems and joys to You. In Jesus' name, amen."

WE are constantly on a stretch, if not on a strain, to devise new methods, new plans, new organizations to advance the Church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man or sink the man in the plan or organization. God's plan is to make much of the man, far more of him than of anything else. Men *are* God's method. What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come upon machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer. - E. M. Bounds, *Prayer and Faith*, 1907

1. I will set a time to meet with Him each day. Time enough each day to pray undistracted for 1 month. (Log your time here)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

2. List 5 people to pray for each day for that same month.

3. I will keep a log of my prayer requests and record answers to prayers.
