

First Things First Part 2 PRAYER OF SURRENDER

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Luke 22:39-42 NIV

Luke 22:42 (NLT) "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."

Personal peace is jeopardized when:

- Circumstances are uncontrollable.
- People are unchangeable.
- Problems are unexplainable.

The prayer of surrender means...

1. I ACCEPT God's PLAN.

Philippians 4:11-12 (NCV) "I am not telling you this because I need anything. I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough."

THE SERENITY PRAYER

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time *accepting* hardship as a pathway to peace taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; *trusting* that You will make all things right If I *surrender* to Your will so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next." Amen.

-Reinhold Niebuhr

2. I SURRENDER to God's CONTROL.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV) "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Psalms 37:7 (GWT) "Surrender yourself to the LORD, and wait patiently for him. Do not be preoccupied with an evildoer who succeeds in his way when he carries out his schemes."

Job 22:21 (NLT) "Stop quarreling with God! If you agree with him, you will have peace at last, and things will go well for you."

3. I TRUST in God's CARE.

Isaiah 26:3 (NCV) "You, LORD, give true peace to those who depend on you, because they trust you."

Matthew 6:32b-33 (NLT) "Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."