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How Should We Pray?

Submit yourselves, then, to God. James 4:7

Have you ever wondered why we hold our hands the way we do when we pray? The gesture of palms and fingers touching in a kind of steeple originated in the early church. Joined hands reflected a slave's submission to his master. Christ's gesture as a sign of a believer's complete dependence on God through Christ. The gesture is submission. Early Christians realized that prayer was to be trusting that God in His wisdom would answer their requests appropriately. It was not a list of demands, as though God were a magic genie. They also understood that prayer was not to be a bargaining tool with the Divine - "If You do this for me, then I will do that." That God was God and they were only humans. They understood that Jesus is our model of submission. Facing a terrible death on the cross, His sweat and blood fell mixed with blood. Still we hear nothing but submission to the Father. "Yet not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39). Through faith in Christ, submission becomes our own, leading us to entrust our burdens to God in prayer. He is in God's care.

Lord, work in me an attitude of humble submission and trust that is reflective of Jesus.