

Coaching from Chrysostom on Prayer

1. The unspeakable excess of the love of God. “Do you not see how the degree of God’s love exceeds that of a mother? . . . As great as is the difference between light and darkness, the goodness and providence of God in comparison to the tender love of a father.”
2. Don’t judge by appearances. (The story of Rachel)
3. Fellowship with Christ and suffering with Christ are intertwined.
4. The cross as the fundamental paradigm. The cross of Christ, contrary to all appearances, turns out to be “the foremost good . . . a proof of God’s great providence, goodness, and love.”
5. Develop a believing, discerning disposition. (The story of Reba)
6. Wait for the final outcome of events.

