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<sup>27</sup> Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

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**28** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. **29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

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<sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”



# Acts 4.23-31

<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

# Praying the Words of Others

The background of the image is a blurred photograph of a wooden pencil holder. The holder is light-colored wood and contains several writing instruments, including pens and pencils in various colors like orange, blue, and red. The overall scene is softly lit and out of focus, serving as a backdrop for the white text.

# Why Pray the Words of Others?

- Don't know what to say
- Written words have a greater degree of planning, craftsmanship, and beauty.

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- God's people in the First and Second Testaments did it.
- Praying Scripture will help you understand Scripture better.



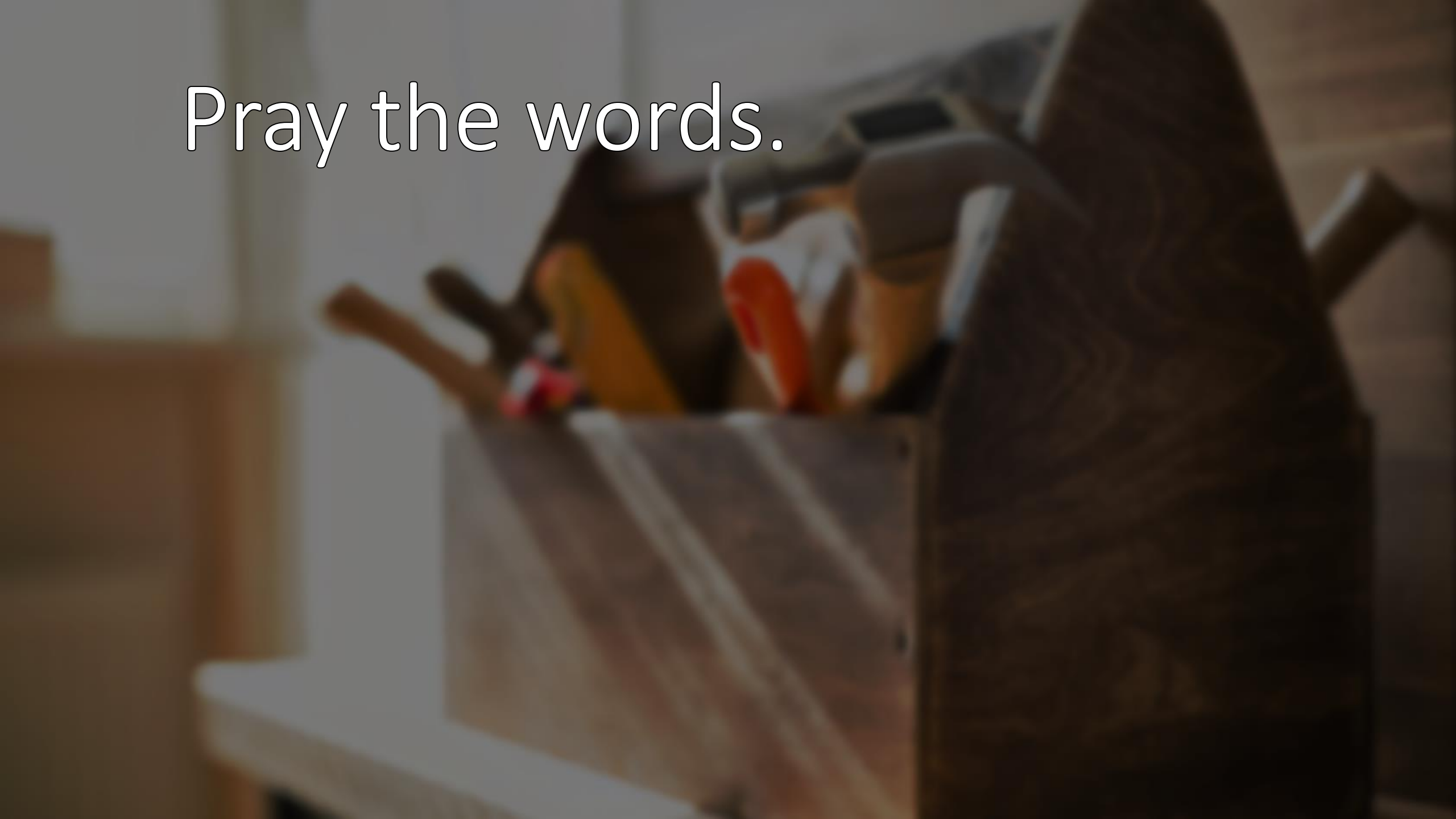
# How to pray using Scripture

- Rejoice
- Repent
- Request
- (Kevin DeYoung?)

# How to pray using Scripture

- Pray the words of Scripture
- Pray the Meaning of Scripture
- Paraphrase
- Festoon

Pray the words.



# Psalm 63.1-5

<sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.

# Psalm 63.1-5

<sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your  
glory.

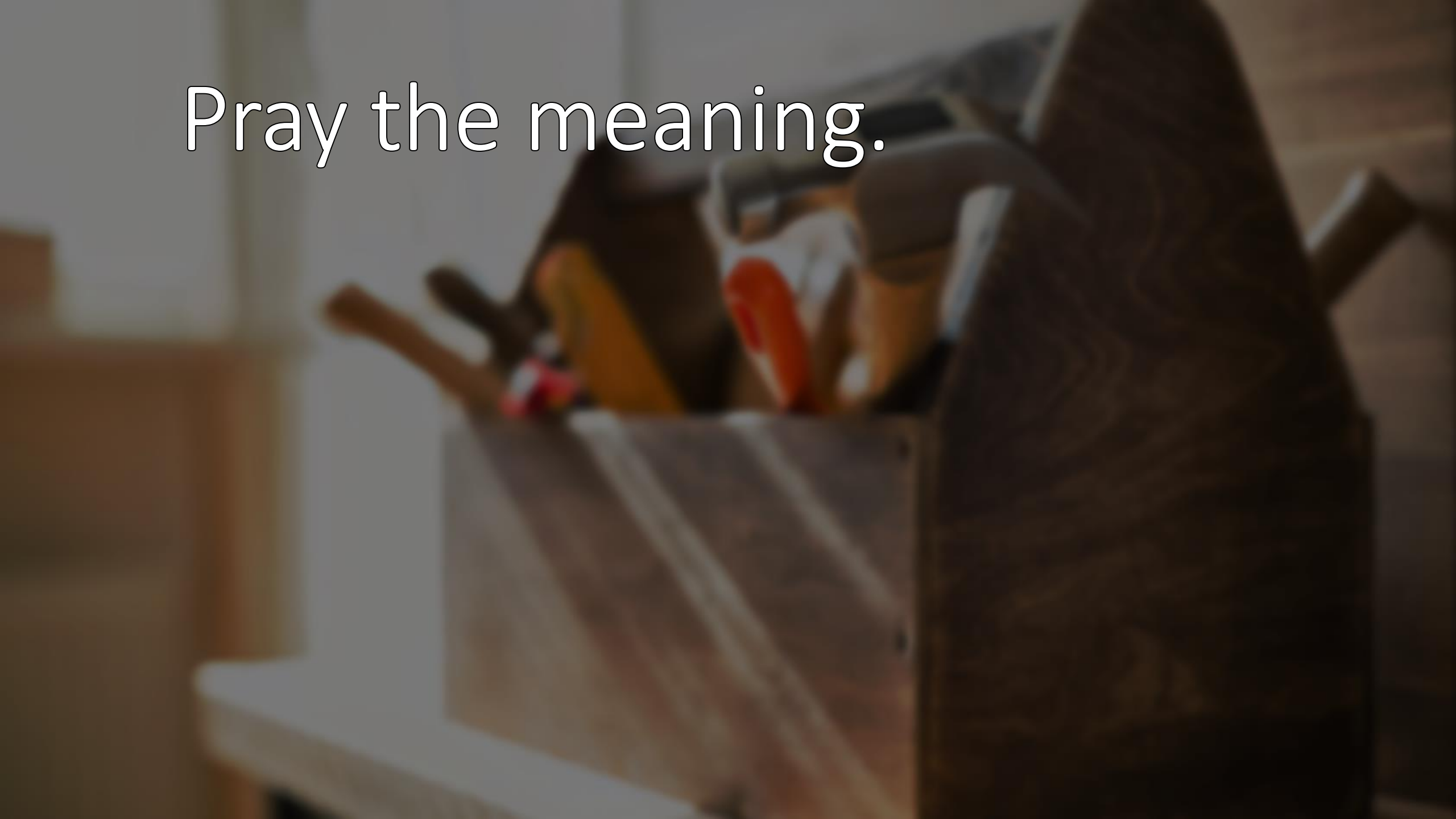
<sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.

# Psalm 63.1-5

<sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup> I will be fully satisfied as with the richest  
of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise  
you.

Pray the meaning.



# Gen 4. 18

<sup>18</sup> To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.



# Paraphrase

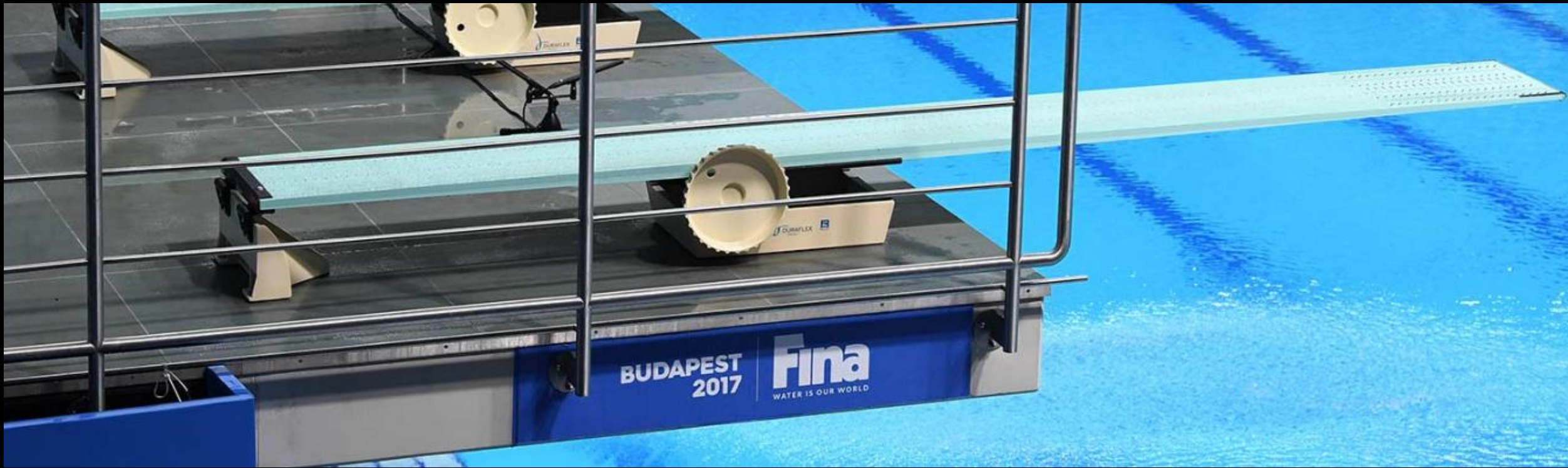


# Paraphrase Ps. 139

- Lord, you have searched me. You have been to the depths of my heart - seen the fears and doubts, know the envy, jealousy and pride that is so deeply rooted there...

Festoon





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# Festoon

Our Father who art in heaven,  
*To whom I pray with angels and archangels  
and all the company of heaven,*  
Hallowed be thy name.

# Festoon Scripture

Thy kingdom come,  
*May it be realized,  
That kingdom that is in the unfallen parts of  
this beautiful Creation – beyond the  
suffering of humans and animals;*

# Festoon Scripture

*That kingdom that dwells in the hearts of all the best lives of your saints in this world;*

*That kingdom where rejoice the blessed dead...*





# Praying the Words of Others

*Phos Hilaron*

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*O gladsome light, O grace  
Of God the Father's face,  
The eternal splendour wearing;  
Celestial, holy, blest,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Joyful in thine appearing.*

# Praying the Words of Others

*Now, ere day fadeth quite,  
We see the evening light,  
Our wonted hymn outpouring;  
Father of might unknown,  
Thee, his incarnate Son,  
And Holy Spirit adoring.*

