

How Should I Pray?

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Matthew 6:9-13

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:5-8

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. ⁶ But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. ⁷ But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. ⁸ Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Luke 11:1

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

John 17:1

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

John 17:4

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

John 17:17-18

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸ As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1. Our prayer should be personal:

Luke 11:2b ... Our Father which art in heaven...

2. Our prayer should be worshipful:

Luke 11:2c ... Hallowed be thy name...

3. Our prayer should seek the will of God:

Luke 11:2c ... Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

4. Our prayer should include seeking His provision:

Luke 11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

Luke 12:24

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

5. Our prayer should include seeking forgiveness:

Luke 11:4a And forgive us our sins...

6. Our prayer should include asking for help forgiving:

Luke 11:4b ... for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us...

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

7. Our prayer should include asking for help avoiding sin:

Luke 11:4c ... And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.