

PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:5-13

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I. Our prayers should be . . . (Matt 6:5-8)

- A. Authentic (6:5)
- B. Attentive (6:6)
- C. Adoring (6:7)

II. Our Father in heaven

Summary: Prayer is the invitation into an immediate and intimate relationship with our perfect Heavenly Father.

III. Hallowed be Your name

Summary: "Hallowed be Your name" reminds us to realign our priorities by placing God on the throne of our lives through **worship**.

IV. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Summary: In praying, "Your kingdom come, your will be done," we choose to align our hearts with God's priorities rather than our own.

V. Give us this day our daily bread

Summary: "Give us this day our daily bread" reminds us that God is the One who supplies our needs. We can bring our needs and wants before Him, but ultimately not for our own glory, but for His. We may ask for our desires, but above all we ask for what we need to carry out His will.

VI. Forgive us our debts as we have also forgiven our debtors

Summary: "Forgive us our debts" reminds us of our deep need for God's forgiveness and that, in His kingdom, those who are forgiven are also those who forgive.

VII. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Summary: "Lead us not into temptation" is a reminder to ask God to guide us through tests, trials, and temptations in a way that honors Him and aligns with His Kingdom principles.

[Matthew 6:5-13] ⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Study Questions and Challenge

Question: Which of the three A's—authenticity, attentiveness, or adoring—is currently most lacking in your prayer life? How can you make it a greater priority in your prayer time.

Question: What do you tend to focus on most in your prayer time right now? When you compare that to the Lord's Prayer, what areas might be missing or underemphasized?

Question: What is getting in the way of a rich prayer life, and who can you ask to help hold you accountable to remove those barriers and stay consistent in prayer?

Challenge: Identify one thing you would like to change or improve about your prayer time and put it into practice this week.