

**“When You Pray”
Matthew 6:5-13
Sunday, March 8, 2020**

The Gospel Of Luke says the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray - Luke 11:1

“The Sermon On The Mount” Matthew 5-7

Matthew 6:1-18 Christian’s Devotion: Giving, Praying and Fasting
Matthew 6:5-13 Christian’s Prayer:

Thought Of Our Passage “Prayer Employs Both Lips And Heart In Which The Believer Seeks To Glorify God, Resulting In Needs Being Met”

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- 2. Verses 9-13 Pattern Of Prayer:**

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Verses 5-6 Prayer Must Be Sincere, Not Hypocritical:

When you pray – Notice that Jesus did not say, **“if” you pray.**

(Negative) you are not to be like the hypocrites; the word **hypocrites** *“an actor playing an assigned role (stage-player) Those that wear a mask speak from under a mask”*

The world hates religious hypocrites, God hates them too!

Hypocrites Matthew 23 loving to sincere sinners **Zaccheus Luke 19**

for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, so that they may be seen by men. prayer (meant to bring us into God's presence) to bring about self-glorification....

Truly (Be Assured) I say to you, they have their reward in full. Don't expect blessings and rewards in Heaven.

Matthew 6:6

(Positive) “But you, when you pray, (Genuine Disciple) go into your inner room, close your door, (some translations) Closet - actually a storeroom.

and pray to your Father who is in secret, Not announcing this to others

and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Verses 7-8 Prayer Is Thoughtful, Not Mechanical: Matthew 6:7

(Negative) And when you are praying do not use meaningless –
"vain babbling, stammering, mindless chatter" Heaping words and phrases

repetition – Over and over and over again. The heart is not with the words.

The Bible teaches against using words and phrases over and over again without engaging the heart.

as the Gentiles do, (Heathen) for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. There is no hidden magical number of words

Matthew 6:8 So or Therefore - Don't pray to be seen of men - Don't use Meaningless Words – repetition, no heart (content). Our God does not like this!

**For your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
Why Pray?**

1. We do not know the secret thoughts and plans of God (Realign With God)
2. We know that God tells us to pray
3. We know God answers prayer

2. Verses 9-13 Pattern Of Prayer:

"The Greatest Prayer Of The Christian Church" English "66 Words"

This prayer is referred to as **"The Lord's Prayer"** It is not "The Lord's Prayer" Because that is recorded in **John 17** (Jesus never had to pray **"Forgive our debts"**) It is "The Disciples' Prayer."

This Prayer Gives Six Petitions (2 Groups of 3)

First 3 Petitions Concern God's Glory:

1. **"Hallowed be Your name"** - Honoring His name
2. **"Your Kingdom Come"** - Advancing His Kingdom
3. **"Your will be done"** - Doing His will

Last 3 Petitions Concern Man's Need:

4. **"Give us our Daily bread"** - Provision
5. **"Forgive our debts"** - Forgiveness

6. "Lead us not ... deliver us " - Guidance & Deliverance

Matthew 6:9 Pray then in this way - not exact words - but a model, or pattern

Invocation - Our Father Who is in Heaven - Imploring God

Father is used **275 times** in the N.T.

who is in Heaven – Notice where this Father is. He is in heaven!

Petition #1 Honoring His Name - "Hallowed be Your name"

Hallowed – Old English word means "*to set apart as holy, to treat as holy, to reverence*" It is from this word we get our English word "*saint*"

Your name. What does this mean? The term "**Name**" is a reference to all that God is - *His nature, character and attributes, and all that He is.*

Prayer Starts With Worship! It should not start with give me this... or I need...

God Is Holy - The negative - *absence of sin*; **The positive** – *the essence of goodness, or righteousness.* No darkness but pure righteousness.

Petition #2 Advancing His Kingdom - "Your Kingdom Come" (The Program of Prayer)

Kingdom – "*realm, to reign, a domain, the sphere of God's rule*"

When we pray '**Your kingdom come**' we are praying 3 things:

- 1. We Pray That The Ultimate Kingdom Of God Be Established:**
- 2. We Pray That Our Obedience To His Will In This World:**
- 3. We Pray That God's Rule May Come To Others Through Us:**

Petition #3 Doing His Will - "Your will be done" Greek, literally "*Your will, whatever you wish to happen, let it happen*"

On earth as it is in heaven. "*as in heaven, so in earth*" The request is saying, "*God, do what you want*"

God's Will Is To Be Done Immediately:

God's Will Is To Be Done Completely:

God's Will Is To Be Done Joyfully:

Last 3 Petitions Concern Man's Need:

Petition #4 Provision - "Give us our Daily bread" (Physical Life)

Supplication - 'Give – Is a prayer request to God to meet our daily physical needs!

Source – God is the source who provides everything.

Substance - Bread – a broad term meaning *"all of man's physical needs"*
Clothes, housing, transportation, medical needs, also Spiritual needs!

We Are To Pray For Our Spiritual Needs. Deuteronomy 8:3

What Is This Request Asking Of God? (4 Things)

- 1. 'Give us this day our daily bread.**

Request Of Moderation

- 2. 'Give us this day our daily bread.**

This Is An Invitation To Come To God With All Things.

- 3. 'Give us this day our daily bread.**

Through This Request God Is Cultivating Our Daily Dependence Upon Him.

- 4. 'Give us this day our daily bread.**

Through This Request God Is Wanting Us To Build Fellowship Between Brothers And Sisters.

Petition #5 Forgiveness - "Forgive us our debts" (Mental Life)

What is this petition saying? 'And forgive us our debts, the words - **debts, debtors.** These are metaphors for "sin" *"forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"*

It Is A Prayer For Forgiveness: forgive us our debts.

We are to ask God to forgive us: request follows request for provision
Matthew 6:11-12

It Is A Prayer For A Forgiving Spirit: as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Petition #6 Guidance And Deliverance - Matthew 6:13 "do not lead us into temptation,... deliver us from evil. " (Spiritual Life)

Prayer For Guidance: 'And do not lead us into temptation, The word **Temptation** – Has 2 meanings.

- 1. Temptation** – *"to bring out the worse, solicitation to do evil, to lead or cause to sin"* Which Satan is always behind. **(Draw out our worse)**
- 2. Temptation** – *"to bring out one's worth, to test or place on trial for the validity of one's faith"* **(Draw out our worth)**

Temptation – 21 times In the NT and **20 times** have the idea of bringing out our worth

Meaning: *"Don't allow us to come under the sway of temptation that will overpower us and cause us to sin."*

Prayer For Deliverance: but deliver us from evil. (Positive) God has power to keep me!

NLT Matthew 6:13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. *"Deliver us from the Devil, and evil also"*

Doxology: For Yours is the kingdom *means that God is sovereign – "principal, chief, supreme"* (God is the chief Being in the universe)

and the power – *"dynamic miraculous"* **and the glory** – *"honor praise and worship"* It speaks first of position - **forever. Amen.'**

Application:

First 3 Petitions Concern God's Glory:

- 1.** Am I Seeking To Honor His Name? **"Hallowed be Your name"**
- 2.** Am I Seeking To Advance His Kingdom? **"Your Kingdom Come"**
- 3.** Am I Seeking To Do His Will? **"Your will be done"**

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