

First In Prayer!

“But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

- **Matthew 6:33 NIV**

WHY DON'T WE PRAY MORE?

A. Some Of Us Lack _____ !

B. Some Of Us Lack _____ !

C. Some Of Us Lack _____ !

Pray in the Spirit at **all times** with **all kinds of prayers**, asking for **everything you need**. To do this you must **always be ready** and never give up. Always pray for all God's people. - **Ephesians 6:18 (NCV)**

PRAYING BASED ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

1. **Get Up, With** _____ (Thanksgiving)

“Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is **how** you should pray: ‘**Our Father** in heaven.’” - **Matthew 6:8-9 (NIV)**

2. **At Breakfast,** _____ **God's Name** (Praise)

“**Hallowed** be your name.” - **Matthew 6:9b (NIV)**

3. **At Midmorning, Reflect On** _____ (Dedication)

“**Your kingdom come, your will be done**, on earth as it is in heaven.” - **Matthew 6:10 (NIV)**

4. **At Lunchtime, List** _____ (Petition)

“Give us today our **daily bread**.” - **Matthew 6:11 (NIV)**

5. **In The Afternoon, Ask For** _____ (Confession)

“And **forgive us** our sins, **as we have forgiven** those who sin against us.” - **Matthew 6:12 (NIV)**

6. **Go Home, Making** _____ (Protection)

“And lead us **not into temptation**, but **deliver us** from the evil one.” - **Matthew 6:13 (NIV)**

7. **End The Day, With** _____ (Benediction)

“For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” - **Matthew 6:13c (NASV)**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- How easy or difficult is it for you to pray? Why do you think that is?
- Consider your prayer life. Is prayer more of an action you do or a way that you live? Why?
- Share about a time when you were tempted to stop praying. How did you respond to that temptation? What did you learn as a result?
- What did God speak to you during this message about *First Things First*? Discuss it.
- What steps will you take this week to allow God to help you to pray more?