MATTHEW 6:5-13

THE REALITY

We've misunderstood the purpose of prayer.

THE RESULT

Insufficient understanding produces unnecessary pain.

THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST

I am a Christian, but I don't pray because it doesn't work the way I want it to.

We <u>insist</u> on getting things <u>instantly</u>.

We want what we want.

THE MISUNDERSTANDING

Prayer is not about impressing people or informing God.

THE TRUTH

Prayer exists to align us to God's will, not force God's hand.

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

- 1. Prayer creates connection.
- 2. Prayer releases control.
- 3. Prayer initiates change.

THE GOAL

The proper <u>understanding</u> of prayer produces joy, peace, and hope.