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What is prayer?

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Shema & Amidah & Psalm

“fixed hour prayer”

Prayer is the chief exercise of faith.

John Calvin

Prayer is conscious fellowship and communion with God.

Martin Lloyd-Jones

Prayer is a wartime walkie-talkie, not a domestic intercom.

John Piper

Prayer is a personal response to God  
and a continuing conversation with Him.

Tim Keller

Prayer is the believer's response to God  
that seeks His will, glory, and purposes.

DA Carson

Prayer is dependence on God expressed  
in conversation with Him.

Mark Dever

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“expressing dependence upon Him, aligning with His purposes, enjoying His presence, and seeking His kingdom.”

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To be SEEN by others

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Who is Jesus addressing?

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Right actions, wrong motives

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Reward = wage, recompense,  
renumeration

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Where do you pray?

Do you pray in public?

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“heaping up empty words”

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“your Father knows what you need”

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God is your FATHER!

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### #3 – Pray NOT like the Gentiles

Does a wrong belief of the gospel  
impact your practice of prayer? If so,  
how?

Does a wrong belief of the gospel keep  
you from praying?