

Christ Followers Pray

Matt 6:5-15 -And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: 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 forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ¹⁴ “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Prayer should be Humbling

Vs. 5 - And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Luke 18:9-14 - Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be [\[d\]](#)humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Prayer should be Relational

Vs. 6 - But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Gal 4:6 - And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Prayer should be Authentic

Vs. 7 - *And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.*

Mark 9:24 - *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"*

Prayer should be Selfless

Vs. 8 - *"Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

Luke 22:41-42 - *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."*

Prayer Model

Our Father in heaven - Our Identity

Hallowed be Your name - Our Worship

Your kingdom come – Our Desire

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven - Our Surrender

Give us this day our daily bread - Our Trust

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. – Our Forgiveness

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one – Our Dependence

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever - His Supremacy

Prayer should be Transformative

Vs 14-15 - *For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*