when you pray a gateway collection



"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place."

Luke 11:1 New International Version

"Very early in the morning, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35 New International Version "And when you pray...

But when you pray...

And when you pray...

This, then is how you should pray..."

Matthew 6:5,6,7,9 New International Version

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Prayer begins with Presence, offering three advantages that can improve the quality of our praying.

1. Pause: The Silent Advantage "When..." - Luke 11:2

Language of Psalm 46

"Fear, Earth give way, mountains fall into the sea, waters roar, mountains quake with their surging, nations in uproar, kingdoms fall, earth melts, desolation on the earth..."

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10 New International Version

1. Pause: The Silent Advantage "When..." - Luke 11:2

- a. Awareness Psalm 46:10
- b. Place Acts 2
- c. Listen 1 John 1:1-4
- d. Surrender Matthew 16:25

"To cultivate the spirit of prayer one needs to rely on the Spirit of Prayer."

Mark Chironna

2. Position: The Sonship Advantage "Our Father..." - Luke 11:2

- a. Security
- b. Identity
- c. Inheritance & Provision
- d. Love

"Christianity loses its footing when we miss out on the foundational power of God's love and grace for our lives."

Mark DeJesus

3. <u>Praise: The Surrender Advantage</u> "Hallowed be your name..." - Luke 11:2

- a. Devotion
- b. Perspective
- c. Mystery
- d. Authority

3 Suggestions for beginning prayer with Presence:

- 1. Keep it simple.
- 2. Keep it real.
- 3. Keep it going.

How can I take responsibility for this message?

- 1. Practice the Silent Advantage.
 - a. Be consistent & comfortable in a consecrated space.

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2. Practice the Sonship Advantage.

a. Ask God to reveal Himself as a Father while you practice the language of friendship and intimacy.

How can I take responsibility for this message?

3. Practice the Surrender Advantage.

a. Give thanks and then tell Jesus what you love about Him. Next, move into using the language of devotion, dedication and surrender.