



21 Days of Prayer
Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 6:1, 6-15

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A CHALLENGE TO US

The early church saw prayer as much more _____ to their Christian life than we do, and prayed much more _____ than we do.

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU PRAY

- A Christian’s identity is _____, not _____.
- Obedience in public doesn’t guarantee a reward from God, because _____ is more important than simple _____.
- Even though God already _____, we should not hesitate to _____.
- Prayer is as much about changing _____ – even while we seek God’s _____.

WHEN YOU PRAY

1. _____
2. _____ *(Romans 8:28)*
3. _____
 - Prayer is not just _____, it must also be _____.
4. _____ against the _____ status quo.

PRAYERS WE SHOULD PRAY

1. _____: Prayers that praise God’s glory.
2. _____: Prayers where we find God’s grace for our lives, and for other’s lives.
3. _____: Asking his God’s help for ourselves, others, the world. *(Psalm 61:1-2, James 4:2-3)*

BEGIN, AGAIN

The requirement for praying the way Jesus envisions is a _____-based _____ relationship with God as father.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Matthew 6:1, 6-15

¹“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven...

⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ ¹⁴For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”