

## A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title  
Kingdom Prayer  
Matthew 6:5-15

Slide 2:  
Matthew 6:5–8 (ESV)

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Slide 3:  
Matthew 6:9–15 (ESV)

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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master composed and taught it. What a great pity that the prayer of such a master is prattled and chattered so irreverently all over the world! How many pray the Lord's Prayer several thousand times in the course of a year, and if they were to keep on doing so for a thousand years they would not have tasted nor prayed one iota, one dot, of it! In a word, the Lord's Prayer is the greatest martyr on earth.

Everybody tortures and abuses it; few take comfort and joy in its proper use."

Martin Luther

Slide 5:

I. What should we know before we pray?

II. How do we pray?

III. The power of prayer

Slide 6:

The Two Shoes

a) Don't be like the Pharisees/Hypocrites (Religious Prayer to God)

b) Don't be like the Gentiles/Repetitive Babblers (Religious Prayer to False Gods)

Slide 7:

Hypocrites

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others."

Slide 8:

Shema

Shemoneh Esrei/Amidah

Slide 9:

What was the issue?

"For they love to stand" (no problem)

"And pray in the synagogues" (no problem)

"And at the street corners" (problem)

Matthew 6:2 (ESV)

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others."

"streets" = rhymais = back lane

Matthew 6:5

"For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners"

"street" = plateion = main street

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One of the only things you do "for" God that you know you aren't doing for show is prayer.

Slide 12:

Repetitive Babblers

Matthew 6:7

"Do not heap up "empty phrases" as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words."

"battalogeo" = babble

Slide 13:

Shoe 1: Prayer that is not exhibiting a real relationship

Shoe 2: Prayer that is trying to control and obligate God

Slide 14:

How do we pray?

1) Know who He is to you: "Our Father"

Kingdom prayer is always family-oriented prayer

Slide 15:

How do we pray?

1) Know who He is to you

2) Adore Him with awe: "hallowed be Your name"

Plunge ourselves into God's identity

- 1) Know who He is to you
- 2) Adore Him with awe
- 3) Submit to His authority: "Thy will be done"

Anxiety comes from worrying that God won't do what we want Him to do

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How do we pray?

- 1) Know who He is to you
- 2) Adore Him with awe
- 3) Submit to His authority:
- 4) Now you can ask:
  - a) Healing
  - b) Daily sustenance
  - c) Forgiveness
  - d) Spiritual protection

Slide 18:

Power of Prayer

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Slide 19:

Jesus "lost" the Father

Jesus was judged, not forgiven

Jesus was not delivered from evil, but became evil

In the end we are saved by Jesus submission in prayer:

"nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done."

## **B. GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Read Matthew 6:5-15. Talk about what the "Lord's Prayer" has meant to you over the years. Have you ever utilized it as a prayer guide?

2. Talk about shoe 1: Hypocrites

Do you pray when you are alone more than you pray in public? How do you maintain a relationship with God? Why is prayer one of the easiest things to know if you are doing it for "show."

Do you sometimes think that it is your job to convince God to do something for you? Talk about times when you prayed in such a way that prayer had an opportunity to not work for you. Why should prayer heal anxiety?

4. Jesus said to "pray like this:"

Talk about each one separately

1) Family relationship: why is prayer for those who are saved?

2) Awe-filled adoration: how is prayer a way to plunge into God's identity? Why is this important?

3) Submission: is the purpose of prayer to change God or to change us?

4) Petition: what do we ask for?

a) Healing of our world

b) Daily presence

c) Forgiveness

d) Spiritual protection

5. Why does prayer ALWAYS WORK if we pray like Jesus asked us to pray?

6. How does Jesus prayer in the Garden help us to understand the depth and purpose of prayer?

7. Prayer and praise