Hope through Prayer
Matthew 6:5-14

Slide 1: The Passage

Slide 2: A Prayer Through History

1st-2nd Centuries: Instructed to pray 3 times a day

3rd-4th Centuries: Focused on Communion & Baptism

The Medival Period: Every Christian was expected to the Lord's Prayer along with the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments

Reformation: Luther taught extensively on the Lord's Prayer, Calvin taught is was the foundation for all prayer

Slide 3:

For nearly 2,000 years, Christians from radically different cultures, languages, denominations, and circumstances have prayed essentially the same words Jesus taught His disciples.

Slide 4: Praying with Purpose

Not for….

1. Recognition (vs 5)

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full."

Slide 5: Praying with Purpose
Not with….

Meaningless words (vs 7-8)

"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Slide 6 ; Praying with Purpose

Pray….

1. In Community and with reverence ‘OUR Father in heaven’

2. With Adoration ‘Hallowed be your name’

Hallowed = to make holy
Hallowed be your name = safeguard against self-seeking prayer

Slide 7: Praying with Purpose

Pray…..

3. With affirmation ‘Your Kingdom Come’

That God may reign in your life and the life of all others

4. Recognition ‘Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’

Translation: Almighty Father, lead my life according to Your will and use it for Your glory.

Slide 8: Halftime…..

We are Halfway Through the Prayer and We haven’t asked anything for ourselves

Slide 9: Praying with purpose

Pray for Our…..

1. Provision ‘Give us each day our daily bread’

2. Forgiveness: “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

3. Protection: ‘And lead us not into temptation’

Genesis 4:7: “…sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”