

**WHY PRAY?**  
**Matthew 6:9**

*"Pray then like this"*

**1. Pray because Jesus wants us to pray**

*Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."*

*And he said to them, "When you pray, say:*

*"Father, hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Give us each day our daily bread,*

*and forgive us our sins,*

*for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.*

*And lead us not into temptation." (Luke 11:1-4)*

**2. Pray because the Bible encourages it**

*The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:5-6)*

**3. Pray because it grows our faith**

*but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)*

**4. Pray because you can**

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:6-7)*