

Pray Like Jesus

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**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 others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.**

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**6 But 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.**

We all need to be reminded:

God is with us,

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God relates to us,

God works through us

Prayer is about connection with  
God, not about what someone  
else thinks about me.

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**7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**



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3) Prayer is central to the life of a  
Jesus Follower

-Intro to Kingdom Living: (5:3-16)

-Body: 3 Big Parts

1) Deeper level of Covenant Faithfulness (5:17-48)

2) How we express our devotion to God. (6:1-18)

Generosity to the Poor (6:1-4)

Prayer

3 Parts on Prayer:

How Not to Pray

LORD'S PRAYER

Forgiveness

Fasting

3) Wisdom in Relationships (6:19-7:12)

-Closing: What will you do with this teaching?

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**Connect**

**Worship**

**His Agenda**

**Dependence**

**Forgiveness**

**Spiritual Warfare**

**Express Faith**

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today 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 the evil one.

1) Connect with God Relationally

“Our Father in Heaven...”

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1 John 3:1

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!



## 2) Worship Him

“... Hallowed be your Name...”

Or

“... Your Name is Holy...”

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**“The name of the Lord is a fortified tower (place of protection); the righteous run to it and are safe.” (Prov. 18:10)**

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God is:

Righteousness,

Sanctifier,

Healer,

Banner of Victory,

Shepherd,

Peace,

Provider

### 3) Pray His Agenda First

“... Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven...”

Do you ever ask God,  
“What do you want?”

What is God's top priority? What is  
His agenda?

PEOPLE

4) Dependence on Him

“...Give us today our daily bread...”

## 5) Forgiveness

“...and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors...”



## 6) Spiritual Warfare

“...And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one”

**“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)**

**“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Eph 6:11)**

Spiritual Warfare: To Recognize that Satan is real and to pray that people would not be destroyed by believing his lies.

7) Express faith in God

“...For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.”

**The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it; (Ps. 24:1)**

**“For in him all things were created: things in  
heaven & on earth, visible & invisible, whether  
thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all  
things have been created through him & for  
him.” (Col. 1:16)**

**“The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” (1 Cor. 4:20)**

**“God is able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.” (Eph. 3:20)**

Do you want to experience God?

Do you want to know God?