



“Is there any activity more essential to the Christian life, and yet more discouraging *in* the Christian’s life, than prayer? We know we should pray. We want to pray (or at least we want to want to pray). We admire those who do pray. And yet when it comes to actually praying, most of us feel like failures. If someone asked us right now, ‘How is your prayer life going?’ very few of us would be happy for the question and confident in our response. We wish we prayed more often. We wish we prayed longer. We wish we prayed better. I bet none of us anticipates getting to the end of our lives and thinking to ourselves, ‘You know what? I feel really good about what my prayer life has been all these years.’”

– Kevin DeYoung

“How we pray is as important a question as we can ever face. This prayer is a pattern for all Christian praying. Jesus is teaching that prayer will be acceptable when, and only when, the attitudes, thoughts, and desires expressed fit the pattern. That is to say: every prayer of ours should be a praying of the Lord’s Prayer in some shape or form...We never get beyond this prayer; not only is it the Lord’s first lesson in praying, it is all the other lessons too.”

– J.I. Packer

“When Jesus taught his disciples to pray in this fashion, he was addressing men who were already convinced of the awesomeness of God’s transcendence, the grandeur of God’s ineffable exaltation. When they first timidly prayed, ‘Our Father in heaven,’ no doubt they

deeply felt the tremendous privilege of approaching this marvelous God in so personal and intimate a fashion.”

- Don Carson

“Once our eyes have been opened to see the enormity of our offence against God, the injuries others have done to us appear by comparison extremely trifling. If on the other hand, we have an exaggerated view of the offences of others, it proves that we have minimized our own.”

- John Stott

“Every morning we ought to wake up and say to ourselves, ‘There is a vicious, dark spiritual battle being waged over me today.’ Satan is very busy.”

- Christopher Ash