

A Simple Prayer For Normal People

Matthew 6:9-15

Hypocrisy destroys our relationship with God. Pray genuinely.

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The Lord's Prayer

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1. Recognize God first (vv. 9-10).
2. Make your requests known second (vv. 11-13).
3. Pray with a humble heart (vv. 14-15).

0. How not to pray (vv. 5-8).

- i. Praying to showoff or push an agenda.
- ii. Praying with meaningless words/repetition.
- iii. Praying to an unknown god.

Relax and talk to God.

- i. Prayer isn't about the specific words we use.
- ii. Prayer is about our intent towards God.
- iii. The Spirit intercedes when we *mess up* (Rom 8:26-27).

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God is:

- i. Unifying Father (Eph 4:5-6).
- ii. Heavenly Father (Acts 7:49).
- iii. Holy Father (Isa 6:1-7).
- iv. King of all (Ps 47:6-7).
- v. Sovereign (Rom 8:28).

When we recognize God ...

- i. Check your attitude.
- ii. Remember God's attributes.
- iii. Seek God's glory/plan for your life.

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Life in three categories:

- i. Physical needs.
- ii. Relationships.
- iii. Righteous living (Eph 6:18-20).

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Understand Forgiveness

- i. Forgiveness is a choice to let go of resentment and anger.
- ii. Forgiving does not mean reconciliation.

A humble heart:

- i. Forgives when *that guy* does not deserve forgiveness.
- ii. Remembers we do not deserve forgiveness.
- iii. Forgives because we have been forgiven.

Receive God's forgiveness.
Extend the same kind of forgiveness to others.