

PRAYER



APPROACH PRAYER WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE (Matthew 6:5-8)

1. Be _____.
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. **Verse 5**
2. Be _____.
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. **Verse 6**
3. Be _____.
Don't recite the same prayer over and over as the heathen do, who think prayers are answered only by repeating them again and again. **Verse 7**

USE THE MODEL JESUS GAVE US (The Six Parts of Prayer)

Matthew 6:9-15 "This then is HOW you should pray..."

1. _____: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..."
 - A. I begin by _____ my love to God. Two kinds of praise:
 1. "Adoration" - Praising God for _____ He is.
 2. "Thanksgiving" - Praising God for _____ He has done.
Psalms 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be **thankful** unto him, and **bless his name**.
2. _____: "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..."
 - A. I Commit myself to God's _____ and _____ for my life. Which means...
 1. Make sure you prayers are _____ - _____.
Psalms 37:4 NIV Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.
 2. Make sure you prayers result in _____.
John 14:12-14 NIV And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
 3. Make sure you prayers are in accordance with _____.
1 John 5:14-15 NASB And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
3. _____: " Give us; today our daily bread..."
 - A. What needs can I pray about? Absolutely _____ one of my needs!
Philippians 4:19 God will supply all your needs from his riches in glory because of what Christ Jesus has done for us.
James 4:2 You do not have ... because you don't ask God!

B. The key to answered prayer: Be _____.

4. _____: "Forgive us our debts ..." Four Steps to a Clearer Conscience...

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to _____ any hidden sin.

Psalms 139:23-24 Examine me, O God, and know my mind, test me, and discover my thoughts. Find out if there is any evil in me.

2. Acknowledge and repent of sin _____ as he brings them to mind.

Proverbs 28:13 NASB He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

3. Make _____ to others when necessary.

Matthew 5:23-24 When you remember your brother has something against you ... go at once to make peace with him, then come back and offer your gift to God.

4. Thank God for His _____.

Acts 10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

5. _____: "...as we have also forgiven our debtors."

A. I pray for other _____.

1 Timothy 2:1 Pray much for others, plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all he is going to do for them.

B. If you want to know how to pray for others, read the _____ of Paul.

Ephesians 1:15-19, Colossians 13-12, 1 Thessalonians 1.2-3, 11 Thessalonians 1:11-12

6. _____: "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one."

A. I ask for spiritual _____ from God.

B. Believers face a spiritual _____ every day. Satan wants to defeat you through temptation and fear. By praying for protection, you will have the confidence to face every situation during the day.

John 4:4 The Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit who is in those who belong to the world.