

## Getting A Greater Glimpse of God's Glory

A Study about Prayer from Matthew 6:1–24

### The Priority of Prayer: God's Glory & Our Good

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5 **“When you pray**, don't be like the hypocrites because they love to pray while standing in synagogues and on street corners so that people can see them. Truly I say to you, they have their reward! 6 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close the door, and **pray to your Father** in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. 7 **When you're praying**, don't repeatedly babble like the Gentiles because they think that by their many words they will be heard. 8 Don't be like them, **for before you ask Him, your Father knows what you need.** 9 **So pray this way:** **“Our Father** in heaven, may your name be honored, 10 may your kingdom come, **may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”**

—Luke 22:39–42

39 Then Jesus went out and made His way, as he customarily did, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” 41 He went away from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42 **“Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me. Yet not My will but Yours be done.”**

—John 17:1 ... 5

1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, He looked upward to heaven and said, **“Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify You. ... 5 And now, Father, glorify me at your side with the glory I had with you before the world was created.**

The MAIN POINTS from Today's Study:

Prayer is a **PERSONAL INTERACTION** with Our Heavenly Father!

Prayer is a **NORMAL & NATURAL** communication between my Father and me!

Prayer is **TRUSTING** that Our Father **ALWAYS KNOWS** what's **BEST!**

Prayer expresses **REVERENCE** and **RESPECT** for my Father!

**Obstacles That Impact Or Influence Our Perspective Of Prayer:**

- Frustration —or— Disappointment from **unanswered** requests
- Misunderstanding **God's plans, promises, or purposes**
- Discerning between **God's will, our wants and wishes, & our needs**

**A BRIEF REVIEW:**

Prayer is **ACKNOWLEDGING** our **DEPENDENCE** of God!

Prayer **RE-DIRECTS** our **ATTENTION** toward God!

Prayer **RELIEVES** our **ANXIETIES!**

Prayer **RENEWS** our **ATTITUDE!**

**Analyzing What We Observe in Matthew 6:5–10**

—**When you pray** ⇒ .....

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—When you're praying ==> .....

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—Before you ask Him, your FATHER knows ==> .....

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**1 John 5:14–15** This is the **assurance** 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.

**Matthew 6:9** (Jesus taught,) “**So pray this way: “Our Father** in heaven ...”

What Jesus taught wasn't a **memorized** prayer, but a **model** prayer providing a **method** for us to follow!

We ..... our Father in Heaven, whose name should be respected and revered!

We ..... according to God's will!

Our ..... is through the provision made for us by Jesus Christ!

—SOME PRACTICAL LESSON TO ABSORB & APPLY TO OUR LIVES:

—1} Prayer is a .....  
with Our Heavenly Father!

—2} Prayer is a .....  
communication between my Father and me!

—3} Prayer is ..... that Our Father  
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—4} Prayer expresses .....  
for my Father!