



Minutes With Jesus

Straight Talk From The Savior
About The Things That Matter Most

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“Straight Talk About Your Prayer Life”

MATTHEW 6:5-15

Introduction: Today we have come to the most familiar and loved prayer in human history. But our familiarity with this prayer sometimes blinds us to the principles this prayer teaches us about powerful praying.

I. **How Not To Pray** (Matthew 6:5-8)

A. **Don't Brag When You Pray** (Matthew 6:5)

Matthew 6:5 “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.”

B. **Don't Babble When You Pray** (Matthew 6:7-8)

Matthew 6:7-8 ⁷ “When you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

Ecclesiastes 5:2 “Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.” (NIV)

II. **How TO Pray** (Matthew 6:6)

A. **Pray in Secret** (Matthew 6:6)

Matthew 6:6 “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”



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B. Pray Simply

III. A Model For Praying (Matthew 6:9-15)

A. The Audience for Our Prayers (Matthew 6:9a)

Matthew 6:9a “Pray, then, in this way; Our Father who is in heaven...”

B. The Petitions of Our Prayers (Matthew 6:9b-10)

1. Pray for God’s reputation to be honored in your life.
(Matthew 6:9b-15)

Matthew 6:9b “...Hallowed be Your name.”

2. Pray for God’s will to be done in the world and in your life.
(Matthew 6:10)

Matthew 6:10 “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

3. Pray for God to take care of your daily needs. (Matthew 6:11)

Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.”

4. Pray that God would forgive you and would make you a forgiver. (Matthew 6:12, 14-15)

Matthew 6:12 “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Matthew 6:14-15 ¹⁴ “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”

“Straight Talk About Your Prayer Life” MATTHEW 6:5-15**5. Pray for God to protect you from temptation.** (Matthew 6:13)

Matthew 6:13 “And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

James 1:13-14 ¹³ “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.”

IV. Three Words To Remember For Powerful Praying

A. Consistent

B. Specific

C. Honest

Conclusion