

Together on the Journey

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Teach Us To Pray
Matthew 6
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It's not a _____

When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on street corners to be seen by others... Matt. 6:5a

There is no right _____

But when you pray, do not keep babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matt. 6:8

It's all about a _____.

"This, then, is how you should pray..." Matt. 6:9a

Things to Remember

1. Remember that he's our _____.

"...Our Father..." Matt. 6:9b

In Old Testament, God is referred to as Father of nation _____ times In Gospels, Jesus speaks of and prays to God as personal Father _____ times.

2. Remember that our Dad is _____.

"...in heaven..." Matt. 6:9c

3. Remember to live to _____ the _____.

"hallowed be your name..."

1. How would you define prayer?

2. Do you pray regularly? Do you fast regularly? Why or why not?

3. Do you feel like you know how to pray when you pray?

4. Have you been a member of a tradition that prays this prayer verbatim?

5. Do your private prayers reflect model that Jesus gave us? Are there specific parts of the prayer model that you tend to leave out or struggle with?

6. The irony is that this prayer is given by Jesus in the context of telling his disciples not to pray with "vain repetition", yet for many this prayer has become a vain repetition. Whether you recite these words or not, do you find yourself praying the same thing repeatedly and, when you really think about it, you didn't really mean or know what you were saying? How can you avoid doing this in the future?

7. When you pray for God's will to be done in the world and in your life do you really mean it? What does it look like for God's will to be done in your life?

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