

House of Prayer

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Matthew 6:9-13

[Jesus said] 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 21:13

"It is written," [Jesus] said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

Jesus teaches us that prayer...

1. BEGINS WITH PRAISE

Matthew 6:9

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Jesus teaches us that prayer...

2. SEEKS THE FATHER'S WILL, NOT OUR OWN

Matthew 6:10

"your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Luke 22:42

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Jesus teaches us that prayer...

3. RECOGNIZES OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD

Matthew 6:11

"Give us today our daily bread."

Matthew 6:31-34

31 "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Jesus teaches us that prayer...

4. ACKNOWLEDGES OUR WRONGS

Matthew 6:12

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

Matthew 6:15

"... if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Romans 6:12

... do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Jesus teaches us that prayer...

5. UNDERSTANDS OUR VULNERABILITY

Matthew 6:13

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith...