

Pray like Jesus

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Matthew 6:5-13

[Jesus said] 5 "And 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. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 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. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 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."

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."

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."

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."

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."

5. UNDERSTANDS OUR VULNERABILITY

Matthew 6:13

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

Ephesians 6:12

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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...