

THE NEXT STEP

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO PRAY?

Matthew 6:9-15 Jeff Schreve

And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.' For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions." Matthew 6:9-15

How can your prayer life come alive with meaning and power?

1. Prayer is rooted in a personal relationship.

Our Father who art in heaven Matthew 6:9

- God becomes your Father when Jesus becomes your Savior.

2. Prayer is conducted with reverence and awe.

... Hallowed by Thy name. Matthew 6:9

- God is holy, holy, holy.



3. Prayer is focused on His will and His Kingdom.

*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Matthew 6:10*

- The Christian life is lived out in daily surrender.
“If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” Luke 9:23

4. Prayer is employed for daily needs.

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

- God is a daily provider.

5. Prayer is hindered by sin and an unforgiving heart.

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

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

- Forgiveness is a birthmark of the Christian.

6. Prayer is needed for a life of victory.

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

- We are weak and in need of strength and deliverance.
*“Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Matthew 26:41*

7. Prayer is concluded with praise and anticipation.

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen. Matthew 6:13*

Will you pray the Lord’s way?