

How should we pray?

YIELD to the will of God

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalms 25:4-5

What if prayer was about God shaping US rather than us getting him to do what we want?

How can you see God shaping your life through your prayers?

Choose a time - Make a Plan - Get Creative! - Use the bookmark

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Part 1 - How Should We Pray? Matt 6:5-13

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 others. Truly I tell you, 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 And 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.

The Lord's prayer is not a mantra. It is a STRUCTURE for prayer.

The Lords Prayer is a beautiful piece of poetry. First, there are essentially 6 petitions or requests. The first 3, Hallowed be your Name, Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done address God. His name, His Kingdom, and His Will. The second 3, Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our debts, and lead us not into temptation, those last 3 deal with us.

First God, then us.

"God is a father, "Our Father, hallowed be thy name." Then he is a king, "Thy kingdom come." Then he is a master, "thy will be done." As a father, verse 11, he gives us our daily bread. He is the source. As a king, he forgives our debts and pardons us. As a master, he leads us not into temptation." John MacArthur

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Begin with PRAISE

Psalms 9:1

Psalms 100:1-4

"He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."
(Psalm 23:3)

"For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt." (Psalm 25:11)

"He saved them for his name's sake." (Psalm 106:8)

"For my name's sake I defer my anger." (Isaiah 48:9)

"Your sins are forgiven for his name's sake." (1 John 2:12)

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Bring your REQUESTS to God

Philippians 4:6

"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." James 4:3

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ADMIT your need for God's forgiveness

1 John 1:9

Hebrews 10:22

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2