



Prayer Part 6: Don't Pray... Matthew 6:5-14 (NAS)

"If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray...
I will heal their land."
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person
has great power and produces wonderful results."
James 5:16 (NLT)

Don't pray to be noticed by other people.

"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:5-6 (NAS)

Don't pray meaningless prayers.

"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. So do not be like them; for our Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts [trespasses/sins], as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'" Matthew 6:7-13 (NAS)

Don't pray with unforgiveness in your heart.

"For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions." Matthew 6:14-15 (NAS)

Don't pray when you already know what to do.

"Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it." James 4:17 (NLT)

Six Ingredients of the Lord's Prayer:

1. Praise

"Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name." Matthew 6:9 (NAS)

"Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power."
Jeremiah 10:6 (NLT)

2. Purpose

"Your kingdom come Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 (NAS)

"I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me." Psalm 57:2 (NLT)

3. Provision

"Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11 (NAS)

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10 (NIV)

4. Pardon

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12 (NAS)

"For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great." Psalm 25:11 (NIV)

5. Protection

"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:13 (NAS)

"Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you." Psalm 5:11 (NIV)

6. Praise

"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:13 (NAS)

"I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." Psalm 9:2 (NIV)

"Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God. Begin to build the sanctuary of the Lord God." 1 Chronicles 22:19 (NIV)

