

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Matthew 6:5-15**  
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**What prayer is:**

- Prayer is communion (communication) with God.
- Prayer gets our heart, mind and actions in line with those of God if we are truly seeking His Will.

**What prayer is not:**

- **Genie** in a bottle
- A “quick” fix
- Telling God what He needs to do
- About **me**

1) **Where should we pray?**

**Prayer closet** (Matthew 5:6)

- We need to find a specific, **daily** spot where we find ourselves praying. This is focused, concerted, and **intentional** prayer.
- “I don’t have time.” We make time for the things that are important. If I don’t find myself in focused, concerted prayer, then it is not important for me.
- I need time with God more than I need anything else, my present salvation depends on it, I need to be saved from **myself**.
- Salvation- past, present, future, it is not only a “past event”

**In prayer time with God we:**

- ❖ Trust Him with our **heart**
- ❖ Receive encouragement
- ❖ Are reminded He is in **control**
- ❖ Have our **outlook** changed
- ❖ Tune our selves with Him (listening)
- ❖ Do battle against the enemy- “Confine your conflicts to your quiet time” ~Tom Elliff

2) **What/ how should we pray?**

- **Honor** and glorify God’s name only (hallowed be your name)
- **Provisions**- just today’s (our daily bread)
- To **forgive** others, since we have been forgiven
- Keep us from falling into temptation (deliver us from the evil one)
- For ourselves, family, friends
- Most importantly - Your Will be done

## Create your self a prayer list

A-  
C-  
T-  
S-

### 3) When should we pray?

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4:6-7**

*Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.* **Mark 1:35**

*So He Himself **often** withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.* **Luke 5:16**

*When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.* **John 18:1-2**

I/we must regularly spend time with Jesus. If intentional prayer is just an option, then so will be:

Victory over sin	Effecting leading your family
Loving your enemies	Leaving a Godly legacy
Being the parent God intends	Being who God wants you to
Praise God, prayer changes me!	

### 4) Why should we pray?

- Follow Jesus' **example** and to be obedient.
- Puts us in line with God. Prayer is lining my heart up with the heart and mind of God
- God knows the need but:
  - ❖ He wants us to know who **supplies** all of our needs.
  - ❖ He wants us to **depend** on Him.
  - ❖ God's way of getting us in on what **He** is up to.

#### Prayer Focus:

**We would commit to make time for focused and intentional prayer**

**We would be a prayer warrior**

**We would pray as though our life depends on it, because it does!**