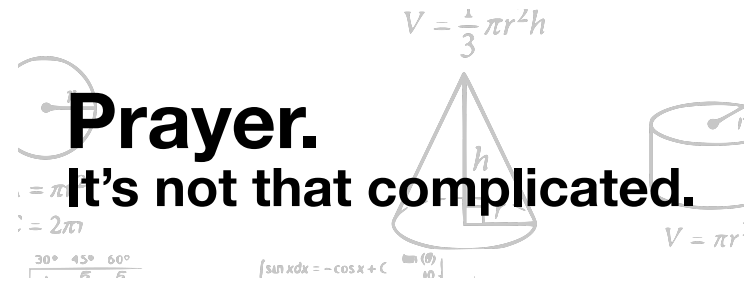




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Prayer. It's not that complicated.

Part 2: How should we pray?
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Main Points

Prayer is not incantation or magical formula.

Prayer is simply talking with God.

It's not about ritual, It's about a relationship.

The important thing is the right frame of mind.

Three Correctives re: Hypocrisy (Matthew 6:1-8)

- Giving (v 2-4)
- Public Prayer (v 5-6)
- Repetitive, Long Prayer (v 7-8)

Six Directives for Prayer (Matthew 6:9-14)

- Pray with Understanding (v 9)
- Pray with His Will (v 10)
- Pray with Contrition (v 11)
- Pray with Dependence (v 12)
- Pray with Reliance (v 13)
- Pray with Confidence (v 13b)

This Week's Challenge:

Tips for Prayer Time:

- Journal (Yellow Pad)
- With Thanksgiving
- Keep on praying!
- Pray as a child of God
- Just do it! You'll like it!

Message Passage

"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, 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.'

For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

Jesus, in Matthew 6:9-14 NASB 95

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God working this week?
2. What thoughts or questions do you have about prayer after watching/listening to this series?
3. Why do you think we don't pray more often? OR if you are a prayer... why do you think prayer can become more of a routine than a conversation?
4. Read Matthew 6:9-13. Which parts seem to resonate with you most? Why do you think that is?
5. How can your group pray with you this week?

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Suggested Bible Readings:
Luke 11:1-13, Philippians 4:6-7

Music we listened to making this episode:
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King of Kings- Hillsong Worship
Across the Universe- The Beatles

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